



# 'LET'S REMEMBER PEACE MESSAGE'

Report by Naomi Penrose

**LLANGOLLEN International Musical Eisteddfod's resounding message of peace and unity has never been more important, Oswestry's mayor has said.**

Councillor Vince Hunt this week praised the Eisteddfod and its significance to the people of Oswestry and the surrounding areas in the wake of the terror attacks in London at the weekend and in Manchester just over a fortnight ago.

The Eisteddfod, which is taking place from July 3 and finishing six days later and draws in many visitors from the Oswestry and Welshpool areas, is this year celebrating its 70th anniversary. It was first held in 1947 and its vision was to provide a means of healing the wounds of the Second World War and help to promote lasting peace. Over the last 70 years



Cultures converge annually at the Eisteddfod

the event has brought together performers from around the world and from a wide range of religions and cultures.

Its peace and unity message is in stark contrast to the recent terror attacks which have left dozens dead and many badly injured. Councillor Hunt said in the wake of the terror strikes, the Eisteddfod's celebration of peace, music and diversity is more important than ever before.

He said: "In the last few weeks, last few days, all we've seen is devastation and hurt going on in this world, in this country, and it honestly breaks my heart.

## Hearts

"It's breaking all our hearts and that's why it's important now more than ever that we celebrate what's good and what unifies us and that's exactly what the Llangollen Eisteddfod is about.

"It's magical in the way that its single purpose is to unify people of all cultures and it's right on Oswestry's doorstep. I say it's magical but actually it's a man-made marvel. It's people that have created this and who put a great deal of hard work into it and that's not only the case for the Eisteddfod in fact but also the likes of Oswestry Youth Music Festival.

"It's about being united in song and that's a wonderful thing. It's people that have been out enjoying themselves that have suffered and that's not right and we have to keep on enjoying ourselves and enjoying what's good, otherwise evil wins."

Eisteddfod president Terry Waite echoed the mayor's sentiments this week.

He said: "We don't all want to be the same and the International Eisteddfod encourages our differences. It is the festival's belief that coming to the Eisteddfod, people celebrate together in unison.

"Different cultures, political and religious differences are placed into the background and through music and dance people get to know each other and compete in a friendly environment, enriched through harmony. The Llangollen Eisteddfod enriches lives through music. The festival's message is now more relevant than ever and sends a global message of peace, emphasising the fact that it's good to be together and good to sing and celebrate life."

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## Church looking for friends



Ready for the launch of the Friends of St Oswald's Parish Church are, front, Susan Tansley, and, back from left, Jennifer Holderness, Lindsay Clarke, Michael Limbrey, Dilys Lloyd and Alan Neale. Photo: Steve Leath.

IT'S hard work looking after one of Shropshire's historic churches.

St Oswald's Parish Church in Oswestry dates back to 1200. That creates a huge amount of upkeep.

Now its vicar, the Reverend Simon Thorburn, is calling for the community to step up to help – whether they worship at the church or not.

Mr Thorburn says his parishioners cannot sustain the maintenance of the parish church alone.

A Friends of St Oswald's Parish Church group is being launched so that those who don't attend services but want to ensure the building's long term future can help support its upkeep.

Mr Thorburn said it was vital that the friends group represented the town of Oswestry and not simply the congregation and Parochial Church Council.

A launch will be held on Monday from noon when all are welcome to go along.

The main objectives of the group will be to promote public interest in the church, its history and

cultural activities and to support the Parochial Church Council in its preservation and maintenance.

Mr Thorburn said: "We believe that St Oswald's plays a very important role in the life of this town and it is important to engage the support of the wider community for its long term well-being."

He said the church was the venue for many significant occasions from Remembrance Day to civic services and that it hosts many local schools who mark their special occasions there.

Mr Thorburn said: "St Oswald's remains the main worship centre where the people of the town and its environs come for baptism, marriage and funerals and as such it provides fundamental support to the community at key points in their lives."

The friends group would, he said, be able to support the upkeep of the historic building and to raise its profile.

He said: "To do this it will need to draw on the goodwill of the wider community and in particular raise funds from a variety of sources."

## INQUEST

### Witnesses recalled over police officer's death at hospital

A CORONER recalled six witnesses to ask them what changes there had been in their working practices following the death of a patient in a psychiatric unit.

The move came at the end of an inquest on Oswestry police sergeant Lee Johnson who hanged himself while a voluntary patient at the Maelor Hospital in Wrexham.

Sgt Johnson, 45, had been suffering from depression and the inquest was told that under the influence of alcohol he became suicidal. At the close of the inquest, in which he recorded a narrative conclusion, coroner John Gittins said the unit had "entirely failed to address the risk he posed to himself, especially after consuming alcohol".

Earlier consultant psychiatrist Dr Stuart Porter had outlined the improvements introduced. The coroner said that he had initially wondered whether there had been a systemic failure of policies and procedures but he felt on balance the existing policies were good and would work in practice. After the hearing, Mr Johnson's wife Barbara said she felt health bosses had not recognised the failings that she believe contributed to his death.

Dr Porter said: "We fully accept the coroner's findings and will ensure that we will respond to the concerns he has raised in respect of the way Mr Johnson's care was managed and the need for more rigorous implementation of policies."

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## EMERGENCY

### Motorcyclist killed in A483 road crash

A MOTORCYCLIST died in a crash on the outskirts of Oswestry.

The rider, a man in his 20s, was riding a Honda motorcycle south along the A483 when it is believed to have been involved in a collision with a black Hyundai Tucson at Sweeney.

The accident happened at about 2.15pm on Sunday.

Emergency services responded but the motorcyclist was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the Hyundai was uninjured.

Police closed the A483 between the A5 and B4398.

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# Patients rate orthopaedic hospital as number one

Report by Sue Austin

**PATIENTS** have voted Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital the best in the country for their experience on the wards.

The hospital has been highlighted as the best in England in the results of the latest Adult Inpatient Survey.

Those who spent at least one night in hospital, and who were discharged during July 2016, were given the opportunity to participate in the national survey carried out by the Care Quality Commission.

The hospital received the highest scores in the country in 17 of the 72 questions relevant to their patients – including the question asking patients to rate the overall experience of the care they received.

Totalling 9.2 out of 10 the overall score was an improvement on the 9.0 scored in 2015. The other trusts in the top three were the Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital and The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, who both scored 9.1.

The specialist orthopaedic hospital also attracted the top overall scores in the 'hospital and ward', 'doctors' and 'operations and procedures' sections of the survey.

Mark Brandreth, chief executive, said: "The results of this survey really do make great reading for everyone connected with RJA. They truly reflect our determination to provide world class care and support. It reflects the commitment, the dedication and the skill shown by staff in all areas of our hospital."

"We see and hear so much about the pressure the NHS is under at the moment and the difficulties it faces, but these results remind us that there is still so much that we can be proud of."

"Feedback like this from our patients is very gratifying, but I also know we will not rest on our laurels. We can and will look for opportunities to make continuous improvement to deliver ever better patient experience and outcomes."

Highlights within the report included that patients at RJA had more confidence and trust in the doctors treating them than at any other hospital in the country – an average of 9.8 out of 10.

Hospital food was also rated the best in the country for the second year running. Cleanliness also scores well, with toilets and bathrooms rated cleanest in the country and wards and rooms rated second cleanest.

## Kris and Kayleigh are happy work colleagues



Kayleigh Aris and assistance dog Kris work well together at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital on a daily basis

WHEN Kayleigh Aris sets off to work each day her dog Kris goes to.

He sits under her desk at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital and even accompanies her onto wards when she visits patients as part of her role in the clinical governance department.

The 31-year-old has a condition called Ataxia Telangiectasia which means that she has to use a wheelchair to cover long distances but relies on her assistance dog to help her day-to-day at work.

She is calling for other employers to follow the example of the orthopaedic hospital and not look at a person's disability when interviewing for a job.

Kayleigh has been working at the hospital for four years. She said: "I had applied for lots of jobs and had a number of interviews and had the feeling that my disability had a bit to do with me not getting them."

"All I ever wanted was for an employer to give me a chance and see that my condition only affected me physically and that I did have a brain and could use it. I firmly believe that all anyone with a disability wants it to be seen as a person with a disability and not a person who is disabled."

She said the staff at the hospital loved her dog and often talked to him before talking to her. She said: "During my induction day at the very beginning of my employment,

when a member of staff came up and offered Kris a bowl of water I knew I was in safe hands and that this was the place of work for us both. Kris is very well known in the hospital, in fact the staff know his name before mine. I can be walking down the corridor and people will acknowledge Kris first – he certainly steals the limelight." The hospital made slight changes to allow Kris to accompany Kayleigh to work – a bigger desk he can lie under and a 'poo bin' on the field where he is walked at lunch time.

Hospital trust chairman Frank Collins said: "Kayleigh is a tough, tenacious, bright young girl. She is not defined by her disability."

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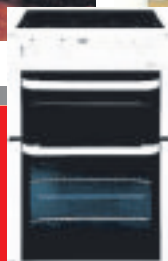
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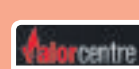
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## Staff's work at nursery is given praise

STAFF at a nursery have been praised following a recent inspection by an education watchdog.

Kidszone Day Nursery, based at Eastern Oswestry Community Centre, has been rated as 'good' by Ofsted, following a visit from inspectors.

The nursery, which has 113 babies and children aged up to five on the roll, has received praise for providing "high-quality care and education" as well as for its special educational needs provision.

Inspector Beverley Devlin said: "The manager demonstrates a strong commitment to providing high-quality care and education. She regularly evaluates the setting with precision, which helps her to identify areas for improvement. Staff regularly observe children as they play, assess their progress and plan interesting and fun activities, overall. This means that all children, including those in receipt of additional funding, enjoy their time at nursery and make good progress. Staff help children to understand behavioural expectations. They praise and celebrate children's achievements. Children are confident and self-motivated to learn. Children's behaviour is good."

The 'good' rating comes as a boost to staff at the nursery, as the inspection took place only days after vandals wrecked the nursery's outdoor play area.

## Villagers help in cemetery work

VILLAGERS have banded together to ensure they have a cemetery that can be used by the community for many years to come.

Fears that Whittington, near Oswestry, could soon run out of burial space were finally allayed when the parish council bought a piece of adjoining land and then donated to the church.

Members of the Friends of Whittington Cemetery have been busy during working party days clearing overgrown shrubbery and caring for the existing cemetery.

They have also been levelling land and laying paths in the extension.

An area has been created to accommodate a seat of remembrance.

The group is appealing for volunteers to help with future projects.

For further information about the friends group or to donate paint to the project call (01691) 658163.

# Ofsted report hails college improvements

OSWESTRY'S North Shropshire College, deemed inadequate just months ago, has made significant improvements inspectors say – only the second in the UK to make such quick progress.

Ofsted inspectors say the college has made improvements across a number of areas. Since February there have been four government inspections, covering higher education, the Foot-

steps Nursery, further education and skills provision and residential social care. College leaders have been told all have demonstrated significant improvement with the nursery improving two grades to 'good' and higher education now meeting all UK standards with academic experience of a high quality. Further education and skills have improved one grade.

The newly-published report says:

"Since the previous inspection governors, leaders and managers have implemented considerable changes to deal with the weaknesses and these are beginning to show impact."

Interim principal Peter McCann said: "I am particularly pleased with the grading associated with our 16 to 18 students and their personal development, behaviour and welfare and the development of employability

skills and student progression. I am equally happy to see that the quality of our adult courses has also been recognised. I know I can speak for myself, the senior leadership team and the board of governors who are proud of the cultural change within the college which was highlighted within the report." The report says governors and senior leaders have transformed the approach to safeguarding.

# 'Large home should be used by family' says Roy

Report by Sue Austin

**AN Oswestry man says he is being forced to stay in a five-bedroom house that a family should be living in because homes are not being built for those with disabilities.**

Roy Scott, 41, who was left paralysed after a motorbike accident when he was just 19, says he would like nothing more than to move into a bungalow, but despite being on the waiting list, there is simply none available in the Oswestry area.

Instead he has to pay £30 a week 'bedroom tax' from his disability living allowance because he is living in a home deemed too big for him.

Mr Scott made his home in Oswestry after spending six months in the Midlands Centre for Spinal Injuries at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital and 18 months at the Transhouse rehab accommodation.

Unable to find a private rented adapted bungalow himself, the then Oswestry Borough Council housing authority found Mr Scott a specially built home in Harlech Close, the only one available with a downstairs bedroom and a 'wet room'.

"At the time the housing officer explained that, although it was a five-bedroom house there was nothing smaller available," he said. "I would love to be able to downsize and see a family in need move into this house," he said.

"Through no fault of my own I am having to pay £30 a week of my disability living allowance on the bedroom tax. It is such a waste of a house and it is also costing me money to heat when I don't need such a big home."



Roy Scott lives in a house with five bedrooms and says it should be used by a family instead

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Man found dead at house in village

A MAN has been found dead at a house in Gobowen near Oswestry, police have said.

The discovery was made on Thursday afternoon last week, a police spokesman said.

It was made after West Mercia Police received a worried telephone call and officers were sent to the address in Gobowen. The man has been named locally as Mark Philpotts, a member of staff with Wrexham Council.

West Mercia spokesman, Paul Roberts, said: "Police were called to the concerns for the safety of the occupant of a property in Chirk Road, Gobowen, shortly before 3.20pm on June 1.

"Officers attended and discovered the body of a man.

"The incident is not being treated as suspicious at this time.

"Next of kin have been notified but formal identification is yet to take place."

The incident will be passed on to the coroner for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, John Ellery.

## Attraction set to open doors again

POPULAR Welshpool attraction Nol Church Bank is opening its doors again next weekend to raise money for the Lingen Davies Appeal.

The popular house and garden only opens about four times a year plus a few private viewings and so organisers say it is a rare treat to visit the 16th century house and its unique garden.

It will be open on June 17 and June 18.

The house is the home of local business couple Mel and Heather Parkes who have recently been awarded a Community Award by Welshpool Town Council for opening up their home and garden like this for the past six years.

Admission to No 1 Church Bank is £3.50.

All of the admission funds will go to the Lingen Davies Appeal.

Tea and home made cakes will also be available.

## Fair raised £2,346

THE Plant Hunters' Fair held on May 14 at the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry raised £2,346 for Hope House Children's Hospice.

This money was raised through donations on the day and entry to the fair of £1. The centre will be hosting another fair on July 30, again in aid of Hope House Children's Hospice.

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Sergeant Lee Johnson

# Inquest told of officer's tragic death

A DEDICATED police sergeant hanged himself while being treated as a patient in a psychiatric unit, an inquest has heard.

Sergeant Lee Johnson, based in Oswestry, was a popular officer well-known for his Twitter account. But he had suffered from depression and was found hanged inside the Heddffan unit at the Wrexham Maelor Hospital.

At an inquest, coroner John Gittins was told the officer could not understand why he was depressed because he felt he had so much going for him. The hearing in Ruthin was told that Sgt Johnson had twice spoken of hanging himself at home in Pantymwyn, near Mold. It was after the second occasion in December, 2015, that he was admitted as a voluntary patient to the Heddffan

unit. He hanged himself in the unit on February 13, 2016.

Clinical psychologist Dr Emma Evans, told the inquest that Sgt Johnson spoke quite openly to her about his mother's suicide, his own traumatic childhood, horrible experiences he had had in the RAF and police, and the fact that he was under investigation for alleged misconduct.

She said the 45-year-old father-of-two, was reluctant to discuss issues he had with alcohol.

His wife Barbara described him as "a very focused, kind person" who struggled to cope with the stresses of his job.

The coroner gave a narrative conclusion and said policy on patients taking alcohol onto the unit needed to be far more robust

# Show will go on as works on route are suspended

Report by Sue Austin

**ROADWORKS** on one of Shropshire's busiest roads will be suspended this weekend to allow a major summer event to go ahead.

The British Ironwork Centre, near Oswestry, organised a Proms in the Park evening several months ago and is expecting hundreds of summer revellers to enjoy the spectacular.

However, overnight closures on the A5 had threatened to put the evening in jeopardy with fears that the concert audience and the orchestra would be unable to get to the centre, which exits onto the A5. Now Highways England has confirmed that roadworks on the scheme will not go ahead this weekend. Chairman of the centre, Clive Knowles, said he was absolutely delighted.

## Market will soon move

OSWESTRY'S Saturday market will move from its traditional venue in a bid to woo more shoppers and traders.

Oswestry Town Council's markets and car parks committee has voted to move its Saturday outdoor market into Bailey Street, following the success of a similar pilot for the monthly Artisan Market on a Friday.

At present both the Wednesday and Saturday outdoor markets in the town are held on the Bailey Head, in front of the Powis Hall indoor market, but from as early as July, the Saturday market will be based down Bailey Street.

Mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Vince Hunt said: "The Wednesday and Saturday markets have been in decline for quite some time now, so what we as a council have been trying to do is think of ways that we can draw both shoppers and stallholders in."

"We have done such a lot of planning for what is going to be a great night," he said. "The marquee is up and we have ordered a pallet of strawberries and a pallet of ice-cream. That is an awful lot of perishable food that would have gone to waste if we could not have held the event."

"We can now go ahead with the final preparations and people can book their tickets safe in the knowledge that there will not be any roadworks."

A Highways England spokesman said: "Firstly, we wish to apologise to the British Ironwork Centre for not getting back sooner to clarify the situation."

"The good news is we can confirm that there will be no works from this scheme during the weekend of the event."

"We wish all concert goers to the Proms in the Park a good time and a safe journey."

The roadworks, from 8pm until 6am, began last week and are due to last until July 7.

A 13-mile stretch of the A5 between the Mile End roundabout and the Churncote roundabout is affected by the overnight closure. The Wrexham Symphony Orchestra will be the highlight of the proms in the park playing an array of classical favourites.

## Gun crime memorial planned



**The British Ironwork Centre's Clive Knowles with the plans for the gun crime memorial**  
A MEMORIAL to the victims of gun crime is being planned to be created hand-in-hand with a new amnesty.

As the final touches were made to the huge Knife Angel sculpture at the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry, its chairman, Clive Knowles, revealed plans for his continuing commitment to getting weapons off the streets.

Gun banks will be offered to towns and cities across the UK and those handed in will be decommissioned and used to create a plinth for a new work-of-art.

On top of the plinth will be a dove of peace carrying an olive branch in its mouth. The West Midlands police and crime commissioner this week became the first to

agree to the gun banks being sited in the Wolverhampton and Birmingham areas.

David Jamieson is a long time supporter of the knife banks and the centre's Save a Life, Surrender Your Knife campaign. Mr Knowles said: "We have seen tens of thousands of knives taken off the streets. Now we would like to do the same with guns. We have been thinking about how we could incorporate them into a work of art and how decided that using them for a plinth is the answer."

The Knife Angel is currently being weighed as part of the application for it to sit on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square and the campaign is set to feature on the BBC's One Show soon.

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# New review into recycling site changes is welcomed

Report by Sue Austin

**THE announcement that an urgent review is to be carried out into the impact of reducing the opening days of five household waste and recycling centres has been welcomed by campaigners.**

Powys County Council reduced the opening days and hours of the county's five centres to three days a week in April and introduced restrictions on the type of vehicle that could use them as part of budget saving measures.

However the council's cabinet has now revealed a review will be held into the decision. Councillor Phyl Davies said: "I have called for a very urgent review of the impact of the changes introduced at the county's household waste and recycling centres."

## Pubwatch scheme 'one of cheapest'

OSWESTRY'S pubwatch scheme is one of the cheapest in the country thanks to a new system and a grant from the police and crime commissioner.

Oswestry Pubwatch has secured an £800 grant from the West Mercia Police commissioner to support the radio scheme.

It means that the 11 premises that are signed up will only pay £72 for 12 months' use of the equipment.

Co-ordinator Jim Stafford said the Pubwatch radio system gave members of the scheme a direct link with the CCTV control room in Oswestry and with police.

Mr Stafford said the scheme was a useful tool in tackling trouble-makers.

He said: "Members of the scheme can quickly notify the CCTV control room of any issues they see arising or call for help when they have issues inside their premises or on the door."

"The grant from the police commissioner demonstrates the police support for this scheme and to the premises who join the scheme with the intention of making Oswestry a safer place to enjoy the night time economy."

"Oswestry Pubwatch is grateful to the police commissioner for his support of this scheme and at £72 for 12 months cover this radio scheme is among the cheapest in the country."

"Before we moved to our current scheme in 2015, the old scheme was costing over £400 per annum."

## New idea is just child's play



Chris Langston with sons Charlie Willmott Langston, left, and Harry Willmott Langston

A FATHER and toddler playgroup has been launched for men who want to join in the fun with their children.

Skiddaddles will be held in Oswestry initially once a month and will open on the upcoming Fathers' Day weekend.

It is the brainchild of Chris Langston from Oswestry who said the idea grew from his embarrassment at having to sit in a playgroup surrounding by mothers.

He said: "It is excruciating and I realised that there were others like me who might want an organised group that was predominately aimed at fathers. Of course we won't turn mothers away, everyone is welcome." He said the first session will be held on June 17 from 10am until midday at the Kinoculture Cinema Garden opposite

Oswestry Library in Arthur Street. He said: "If the weather is poor we have secured an alternative indoor space at Hermon Chapel on Chapel Street."

"The first session will be free and after that the charge will be just £1 which will include a drink and a snack for the children and tea and toast for dads. We have a storyteller booked, we will be making a Father's Day gift and we'll be having heaps of fun with a pile of boxes, tubes and sticky things to create and play with outside in the garden. We are sourcing lots of cardboard boxes and materials to make anything from tunnels to castles, racing cars to space ships." Chris will be taking along his five and seven-year-old sons, Charlie and Harry to help launch the playgroup.

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## BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Shropshire Council's failure to maintain an Oswestry town centre road is about to backfire on the authority with far reaching implications for businesses in the town.

Engineers have discovered that English Walls and Smithfield Street are in an "alarming" condition, may need to be completely re-built and could be closed for two months for the work to be completed.

And the question everyone is asking is why the problems have been allowed to get so bad before the council decided that such urgent action was necessary? An example if ever I saw one of a council using a sticking plaster when an operation was the real cure. The other issue, of course, is how traders are expected to survive a possible two-month road closure when Oswestry town centre businesses are already reporting poor trading figures during 2017. Eight weeks of major upheaval will without doubt prove to be the final nail in the coffin for many struggling retailers. Many are already deeply concerned about the impact that a proposed townscape and transport proposal will have when it arrives in Oswestry and this new bombshell is just what they didn't need. Certainly something for Oswestry's newly elected county councillors to muse over.

Across the border Powys County Council is also in an embarrassing position after bowing to massive pressure over decisions made about household waste recycling centres by the outgoing cabinet. Could a massive U-turn be on the cards?

Faced with huge cost-cutting needs, the authority first announced the closure of some of the county's recycling centres, including Welshpool. Then there was a backdown with the popular centres reduced to three-day opening with new restrictions on the type of vehicles allowed on the sites. Council candidates canvassing for last month's election were met by hostile residents on doorsteps across Powys, quickly learning that recycling not education or care was the top priority for the majority. Now, less than a month after taking up office, the new portfolio holder for waste has ordered a complete review into the decisions, taken in haste by his predecessor, who coincidentally lost his seat on not just the cabinet but the council too. Fly-tipping was already becoming an issue but the closure decisions have quickly escalated the problem. There is little doubt that the cost of dealing with dumped rubbish and finding and prosecuting offenders will soon match any savings made.

Let's hope common sense prevails and a compromise to this ridiculous situation is quickly found.



Tens of thousands of people come to the Llangollen International Eisteddfod every year



The Queen has been one of many notable visitors to the cultural extravaganza over the years



The Llangollen International Eisteddfod draws in thousands of people to the area

# Eisteddfod celebration enjoys incredible history

**Llangollen International Eisteddfod is taking place next month. SUE AUSTIN looks at its early years**

**THIS year Llangollen International Eisteddfod celebrates its 70th anniversary with the aim of uniting the world through song still very much the focus.**

Volunteer archivist Chris Adams has been looking back over the beginnings of the festival and has discovered how it played a part in promoting peace.

He said: "The idea that an international musical festival could serve to promote peace between nations began as early as August 1943, when Harold Tudor, a Liverpool journalist working for the British Council, escorted a party of exiled European politicians to the Welsh National Eisteddfod in Bangor.

"They praised the joy of international music making, the effect of competition on raising standards of performance, and how the vitality of the event in a beautiful setting contrasted with the ongoing horror of the war."

By early 1946 Tudor had conceived the idea of an international eisteddfod, and took it to W S Gwynn Williams, the music director of the National Eisteddfod and a resident of Llangollen.

George Northing, the new chair of the Llangollen Urban District Council, seized the opportunity for the town, and a year later 52 choirs from the UK and 10 other countries performed in a large and packed marquee on the Grammar School recreation field.

Mr Adams said: "Led by Tudor, Northing, Gwynn Williams and local businessman Clayton Russon, the local effort had provided enough chairs, enough food and beds, adjudicators, prizes, and the



The eisteddfod attracts performers from around the world

promise of another show next year. Movietone News covered the event and peace and harmony was proclaimed everywhere, not least in and around the Eisteddfod trophies. But no-one had expected it to be such fun."

In 1951 it was one of four Welsh sites selected to be part of the Festival of Britain, and in July 1953 Queen Elizabeth II visited as part of her post-coronation tour of Wales.

National newspapers like The Observer covered both the competitions and the surrounding interactions while UNESCO sponsored the production of a set of long-playing records.

Less formally, Giles captured the ethos in his 1953 cartoon, and Dylan Thomas the excitement in his celebrated 1953 radio broadcast. The Eisteddfod even features in a 1951 ro-

mantic novel. The pattern of the week was set in the 1948 festival, and did not change much for nearly 40 years: four days of competition from Wednesday to Saturday; opening and closing concerts on Tuesday and Sunday evenings; gaps in the programme providing occasions for community hymn-singing.

Mr Adams said the festival had become renowned for its international flavour.

He said: "Over the first 10 years competitors had been attracted from 36 distinct national or cultural groupings, which included five UK regions and ex-patriate groups. In Llangollen you could express your own identity."

"While Western Europe dominated, Yugoslavs, Hungarians, and Czechs came from behind the Iron Curtain, and there had been entries from North

America, South America, and Asia. In 1956 alone 42 choirs and dance parties came from outside the UK, nearly 3,000 foreign competitors and several thousand more from the UK.

The papers were full of stories and pictures of the competitors. Attracting attention were the first German choir, travelling from Lubbeck in 1949, giving concerts to raise funds to secure their journey home. The Obernkirchen children's choir, just four years later, were propelled to international stardom by the recording of their Llangollen performance.

"The conductor of a Milan choir in 1948 had sold his piano to raise travel funds, and was rewarded by a spontaneous collection. In 1955 the winning male voice choir from Modena started another Llangollen legend - Luciano Pavarotti was one of the voices, conducted by his father."

By 1956, the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod was a success: a leading cultural festival with a worldwide reputation for the its musical excellence, its ethical basis, and the unique international atmosphere. It had expanded rapidly in size and scope from the first event.

The competitive formula attracted outstanding choirs and dance groups.

Mr Adams said: "The concerts brought fashionably famous and avant-garde classical performances to the small and beautiful Welsh town. The hospitality of the local people and the artistic discernment of the audience were legendary. And it was self-financing, the balance sheet showed a very healthy surplus."

"What made Llangollen particularly special, though, was its hospitality, the experience of having ordinary foreigners staying in ordinary Welsh homes."

Global stars have continued to come to Llangollen for the event and the message of world peace continues to this day. This year's event will run from July 3 to July 9 and once again promises to be a memorable occasion.

## PETER RHODES

A READER tells me he was puzzled by the weather forecaster who said the sun would shine, but on the other hand, it might be cold. He decided to wear one glove.

RADIO 4 has been making a big fuss about the joys of bird-song at daybreak. I have always suspected that people who get all weepy and sentimental about the birdies are sitting in comfortable homes or warm offices listening to a neatly-edited version of the twittering at a respectable hour. I am just back from my annual few nights under canvas at a sailing rally. When you are actually out there among the little blighters (who incidentally started their racket at 3.36am precisely) there is no 'dawn chorus', merely 'them bloody birds'.

I GUESS that only a small percentage of birds can produce anything resembling a song. I had a massive crow outside my tent, bellowing 'Grork! Grork! Grork!' endlessly. What is chorus-like about that? I have heard more tuneful crows. Nature could be greatly improved with some sort of quality control.

THE Guardian reports on a group of volunteers dedicated to exterminating 'alien' grey squirrels in order to help Britain's native red squirrels survive. I can only report that our visitors from Germany last week were enchanted by the plump yet agile grey squirrels doing their usual acrobatics in our garden. Back home in Bavaria they have only 'boring little red ones'.

STILL on nature, did we all see Chris Packham jokingly slip a sly reference to sado-masochism into Springwatch (BBC2)? He offered to take fellow presenter Martin Hughes-Games to a club where he could experience the exquisite pain of a mouse bite. Naughty boy.

IT was 50 years ago today, or thereabouts, that The Beatles gave us the Sergeant Pepper LP. Five of us lads aged 16 or so gathered at a friend's attic with a big bottle of cider and a brand new copy of the LP. We played it over and over, realising pop music would never be the same again. And who ever imagined that half a century would pass so quickly? In my days lecturing young journalists planning their careers, I would warn them that the years between 20 and 30 last about 20 minutes. What I should have added is that after 30, time really speeds up.

MAYBE it's because the last one was only two years ago, but isn't this proving to be the most boring General Election ever? I have a sneaking suspicion that when it's all over the share of seats in the Commons will be much the same as before and we'll be on course for the sort of Brexit I predicted more than a year ago. They will tell us we are Out, but it will feel suspiciously like In.

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**A:** In order to protect your estate, the best option is to set a Discretionary Trust within your will. The Trustees will hold your assets on trust and they will have the discretion as to which beneficiary to give money or property to. No beneficiary of a Discretionary Trust has an absolute right to receive any funds from the Trust. By putting your estate into a Discretionary Trust it will prevent your daughter's fiancé from having any entitlement to receive anything.

It is advisable to write a letter to your Trustees setting out your aims and objectives of the Trust as guidance as to how they should distribute the Trust. This letter is not binding on your Trustees.

There are long term costs associated with the setting up and administration of a Discretionary Trust. Annual accounts and tax returns have to be completed. Tax has to be paid on any income received by the Trust. There may also be Inheritance Tax and Capital Gains Tax to pay periodically. Trustees will also need to take legal and financial advice and the cost of such advice is paid by the Trust fund.

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## Letters

# Taxation is one of life's certainties

FEW things are certain. One is that we die. Another is that until or even after the day of death, we pay taxes. The tax burden of the UK is one of the highest. Income tax at 20 per cent is modest but national insurance raises direct taxation to 32 per cent of income. Indirect taxation like VAT at 20 per cent, local Government levies and many other taxes and duties lead to a large proportion of our income returning to the government. As the economy is increasingly strained, tax rises are likely regardless of which gov-

ernment is appointed to collect them. Such increases are, for the moment, prevented by a pledge not to raise direct taxation. A recent attempt was thwarted by the pledge. And a commitment to retain the pledge has been sidestepped, all indicating the possibility of tax rises. Taxation records over thousands of years by different nations have been discovered. It is no new thing. The only thing that varies is the level of taxation and the way it is collected. The level depends on the commitments and needs of the country and the wisdom or lack of it regarding the way the money is

spent and the way services are run. Waste and unwise spending takes place on a vast scale. Services, upon which we depend, like the NHS and public transport, are becoming more limited and poor. Sadly there are many examples. At our level, apart from highlighting the issues, what can we do? Well if we live wise, sensible, economic lives in which we care and show consideration for others it will lead to a good society. It may even be that our leaders will notice and do the same. **PETER KEEN Oswestry**

# We will all need to pay more if we want to back our NHS

I GENUINELY wish this Prime Minister well. She has to face enormous problems left behind by David Cameron. However the wrecking of the NHS must be stopped. Those members of the party who have a financial interest in the development of the highly profitable private healthcare system need to be named and then ignored. Even the stable middle class members of our society could be bankrupted without a good NHS. However we all need to be sensible about such an important part of our lives. All healthcare is becoming increasingly expensive and must be paid for. Some fantasy funding from somewhere or other is nonsense. At the end of the day the bills have to be paid and we must be prepared to pay more. Care of the sick and aged is a big part of this nightmare, causing bed blockage in hospitals. It seems that a growing number of GPs are getting fed up with the chaotic political management that is keeping them from meeting many of the needs of their patients. Junior doctors aren't fools and their opinions also need to be noticed. The piling up of suffering people at the A&E departments are real despite what our politicians would like us to think. For many the cost of good dental care is outside their budget. Maternity care is also proving confusing and being poorly addressed. It is no good saying those 'poor' on benefits are cared for because many working can be worse off than they.

We have to provide the government with more money so that they can meet the problems in education, law enforcement, providing good housing for working people and other difficulties that those who come from the wealthy class know nothing of. It is a pity but it will mean paying more in taxes and the management of such funds. **IAN COLLETT Ludlow**

There is a clear and important choice to make. LET'S be clear and upfront, there is good and evil in this world. There are people doing incredibly good, kind things for others. Then there's the other sort who cause misery, suffering, destruction and death. I know I should not really mention it, it's a secret, but behind it all is Satan, the Devil. His greatest achievement is starting wars, then every kind of evil breaks out. But he's behind the violence in the home, sexual abuse and the misery caused by drugs. I suppose you believe in God too. I do. You clever atheists and scientists couldn't even make the most common thing on earth, a blade of grass. We have a clear choice. Either continue to ignore the Devil who is causing hell on earth and in your life sometimes. Or put your life in the hands of the God of love who sent his Son into the world to save you. **RON JONES St Martins**

IT should surprise no-one that Tony Blair wishes the UK to change its mind about leaving the EU. I am sure that the vast majority of his fellow property multi-millionaires would agree with him. Obviously, as long as we have unrestricted EU immigration, no matter how many rabbit hutch-sized dwellings get-rich-quick developers build on concreted-over farmland, the rising costs of property and rents will continue to outpace the rest of the economy, and the incomes of ordinary people and their quality of life will continue to deteriorate. One wonders how many of them would be happy to continue to accept this as part of the price of being able to bask in the glow of the financial success of Tony and his cronies. **DAVID BURTON Wellington**

# No surprise ex-PM is so against Brexit

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# A treat for the transport enthusiasts out there



We like to throw in one for transport enthusiasts, so here is one from John Powell of Oswestry. John tells us: "This picture is of a local coach that belonged to Gittins Brothers. Their business was taken over by Parishes Coaches of Oswestry. I gather that this particular coach now belongs to Boultons of Church Stretton who have restored the vehicle which is a 'classic'."

# These decisions by Trump could end in disaster

I DO not believe Donald Trump's political passing with regard to him sending an armada to North Korea will do America any long-term benefit. America has already sent, along with Nato, weapons and troops to the Baltic States, as well as attacking Syria for allegedly using chemical weapons. The United States of America, by sending arms and troops to both North Korea and the Baltic States have not thought it through sufficiently. I think these actions show the very aggression and threat that they say they want to prevent. And Kim Jon-un and Vladimir Putin are the sort of people who don't take these type of actions lightly. I fear it may lead to a full-scale, maybe, third world war. And with the type of unconventional types of arms available I'm sure it will make the number of deaths in the last two wars look like a picnic. **MARTIN EDDIES Shrewsbury**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# We all need help sometimes

I UNDERSTAND Prince Harry is still seeking help with coming to terms with his mother's death. Disaster can strike any of us at any time, but we're not very good, even today, with coming to terms with it. Reducing funding, closure of some centres to help, what do we have? The usual words - 'pull yourself together'. The people who use this remark don't know. I hope Prince Harry and the rest of us come to terms with our demons. **JOHN R BROWN Shrewsbury**

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Bikes are stolen in raid at farm

CYCLES worth hundreds of pounds were stolen on a raid at a farm near Oswestry.

Burglars targeted three properties in Melverley Green. At about 3am on Monday last week three specialised mountain bikes, a Giant road bike and a customised Jump bike, along with a Stihl strimmer, were stolen from a shed at a farm house. A group of intruders were disturbed in an annex to the farm house. Police say several people were seen running away and a vehicle was heard to drive off.

Overnight on May 28 and Monday last week a garden shed and a detached garage on Crosslanes Road at Melverley Green were raided and a mobile phone and a strimmer were taken. The strimmer was later found by a gate in a field nearby.

Also during the same night, a garden shed at a farm in Melverley Green was broken into and two strimmers were removed. Both were found left close by.

Police have appealed for witnesses.

### Roundabout work coming to an end

SIX months of disruption will come to an end this month as a major improvement scheme to a traffic island is completed.

The work at the Gledrid roundabout on the A5/A483 north of Oswestry is due to be finished by the end of June.

A Highways Agency spokesman said that the work was on schedule to be completed on time. The £700,000 improvement scheme has seen sections of the roundabout and its exits closed at various times throughout the 20-week contract.

The junction carries both the A5 and A483 traffic as well as local vehicles going to and from Chirk, Weston Rhyn and St Martins. Work has taken place overnight with all traffic diverted through nearby villages.

# Urgent talks to be held over street's condition

Report by Sue Austin

**A BUSY town centre road could be completely re-built after engineers discovered it is in an "alarming" condition.**

There are now fears that English Walls and the adjoining Smithfield Street in Oswestry could be shut for up to two months, putting added pressure on traders in the town.

Councillors and representatives of Oswestry's Townscape and Transport Group are to have an urgent meeting to look at whether short term repairs should be made or whether major works should take place alongside a more long term look at the traffic system.

Shropshire Council's engineering consultants, Mouchel, say they are looking at how to address the failing carriageway.

Ben Corfield, senior engineer, said: "Structurally the carriageway is in an alarming condition. Ten trial holes have been dug and there is a risk that the carriageway may have to be fully reconstructed."

Peter Lloyd, vice chairman of the Townscape and Transport Group, said he wants to see any work tied in with the group's soon to be published survey on the town centre traffic flow.

Oswestry Town Council Clerk, David Preston, said in a report to councillors that there is no option but to undertake essential works.

"A major problem is that a significant reconstruction scheme will involve a potential, two-month period of disruption," he said. "Serious concerns have been voiced by councillors as to whether the town could stand such upheaval due to the fragile nature of retailing."

Town councillors were due to discuss the issue at a meeting last night (Wednesday).

## Car firm happy to back cricket club



From left, David Goldthorpe from Arthurs and Andy Griffiths and Nigel Evans from the cricket club

A NEW cricket season, a new sponsorship and a new car.

It's all come together in what is a promising time for Cae Glas Cricket Club and Arthurs Vauxhall.

As Arthurs launch the all new Vauxhall Insignia Grand Sport, the Oswestry-based dealership has announced a new sponsorship deal with the cricket club.

They will sponsor seven games this season and will be taking the Vauxhall Insignia Grand Sport along to at least one of them.

Cae Glas chairman and player Andy Griffiths said: "As far as the cricket club is concerned, it is fantastic that a well known local business should be prepared to sponsor a local club in such a generous way.

"We are very pleased to receive their support."

David Goldthorpe, Arthurs Vauxhall general manager, said: "For many years it has been the Arthurs culture to build relationships with local clubs as well as local businesses and we are delighted to once again support Cae Glas for what I believe is the 20th cricket season."

## Reminder is given out to pupils over clothes rule

PUPILS at Welshpool High School wanting to bring their out-of-school fashion into term time have been issued with a strict dressing down by the school.

In a post on its Facebook page, the school has said that it would be introducing a new school uniform at the start of the 2018 academic year, but in the meantime pupils have been advised to follow the school's strict code of conduct.

"We will be allowing the next half term as a grace period, where students will be able to wear their current style of trouser, but we expect all students without exception to be wearing suitably formal style school trousers as from September 2017. The same ruling and timeline also applies to girls' skirts," the post read. The school has also outlined their strict stance on facial piercings. It said: "We would like to remind parents and students in years seven to 11 on the rules with facial piercings. The school rules are very clear, no facial piercings are allowed in school."

"This matter has arisen in the past and we have made it clear that if any student wishes to have a facial piercing that is their own private concern, but they should not expect the school to change the rules while a piercing is healing, etc, allowing that student to wear it in school during that period."

"Therefore, if a piercing is planned we would recommend that this is undertaken at the beginning of the summer holidays so that the piercing is healed and can be removed. It is unacceptable and unreasonable for any student to expect to be allowed to wear a facial piercing - covered or not - simply because they decided to have the piercing done during term time or a short holiday."

"We would therefore ask for full parental support on this matter going forward."

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## Taste treat for everyone at food and drink festival

PIZZAS, cocktails and tastes from every corner of the globe will delight dads this Father's Day weekend at the 11th annual Ellesmere Food and Drink Festival.

The festival offers many regular favourites and some new and more unusual producers including the Cone Cuisine and Belgium Waffles.

Co-organiser Lincoln McMullan says that the festival format will stick with the same tried and tested recipe as previous years with drinks and cakes, pies and meats, chutneys and global flavours but with a few interesting additions. "There's something for the whole family, though being Father's Day weekend, we're hoping that dads will find their favourite food and top tipple," he says.

"The beauty of the festival is that the whole family can choose entirely different dishes depending on their tastes."

As well as attracting new producers year on year, Ellesmere Food and Drink Festival, which this year takes place on June 17-18, is proud of its stalwart stallholders who have supported the event from the beginning such as Heathers Harvest who make handmade chutneys, jams, marmalades, sauces and jellies. The Rustic Cook cooks a range of Polish sausages on a World War I cooker.

The appeal of the event has seen it grow from just 17 stalls in the Market Hall. In its second year the festival expanded to two days and is now also in the Town Hall.

Mr McMullan said: "Ellesmere is already a fantastic place to visit for its independent shops, friendly people and idyllic scenery. It's also an ideal location to feed the whole family this Father's Day." For details go to [www.ellesmerefoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.ellesmerefoodfestival.co.uk)

# Parents contact law firm over baby deaths

By Dominic Robertson

**A NUMBER of parents have contacted solicitors asking to be included in a review of investigations into avoidable baby deaths at Shropshire's major hospitals.**

Beth Harrison, a clinical negligence solicitor at Lanyon Bowdler, said the organisation is currently looking into 27 cases relating to Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust.

The cases relate to three areas, the death of a baby either stillborn or a neonatal death, brain injury suffered at birth, or the death of a mother.

Despite the firm deciding to investigate the cases it does not mean that the incidents have been a result of negligence.

Ms Harrison said: "These could be very early stages, they might not all prove to be negligence but as a firm we have deemed them worthy of investigation."

The Shropshire solicitor said that a number of the parents they have spoken with have asked for their child's case to be included in a review ordered by the Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt.

The review is looking at the quality of investigations carried out into the avoidable deaths of nine babies at the trust.

Ms Harrison said: "A lot of people are contacting us to ask if they can be part of the inquiry." The solicitor echoed a call from Shropshire parent Rhianon Davies, whose letter to Mr Hunt sparked the review, for a full inquiry to be carried out so that all potential cases are examined.

Among the tragedies which are being looked at by the review is the death of Oswestry girl Ivy Morris. Ivy died aged just four months old after mistakes were made during her birth.

## Familiar faces to run new schools



**Headteacher of Welshpool Church in Wales Primary School Justine Baldwin and deputy head Lorna Tuffin** SENIOR staff appointed to Welshpool's new super school will be well known to parents having strong links with existing schools, the local authority has said.

Heads and deputy heads have now been appointed for the new English-medium and Welsh-medium schools in Welshpool, which will start operating in September as part of plans to invest £13m in the town's primary education.

The new head of Welshpool Church in Wales Primary School will be Justine Baldwin, who is the current head at Gungrog Church in Wales Nursery and Infants School. Lorna Tuffin, who is a current

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Fundraiser for village's centre

A VILLAGE community centre is in urgent need for funding to keep its building maintained.

The St Martins Centre in St Martins near Oswestry is used by many different organisations.

Trustees say it is due some much needed work, from redecoration inside to the fixing of a leaky porch and installation of CCTV cameras and new security lighting.

Lesley Anne Roberts, one of the trustees, said she would like to hear from any businesses who may be able to help.

"We had a wonderful donation from Pickstock Oils recently, for which we were very grateful," she said.

The centre is hosting an antiques fair and car boot sale on Saturday and local people are urged to get involved either running a pitch or going along to browse. The cost of a table in the indoor antiques fair, which runs from 9am until 4pm, will be £15 while for the outdoor car boot sale, which runs from 9am until 2pm, the cost is £5 for a car or £7 for a van.

### Disability group set to meet again

MEMBERS of Disability Oswestry group are due to hold their next meeting on June 28.

The meeting will welcome Carole O'Ryan, who is keen to start a support group for people with fibromyalgia, polymyalgia and chronic pain.

Group co-ordinator Penny Rice said: "These affect a lot of people and can profoundly change their lives."

"If you suffer from any of these conditions, do please come along and find out how you could get involved."

Mrs Rice added: "The group will be meeting at 10.30am at Hope Church, Laburnum Drive, Oswestry, SY11 2QR."



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### Safety seminar with fire service

BUSINESSES are being invited to a free fire safety seminar to learn about fire safety systems including a live sprinkler demonstration.

Mid & West Wales Fire Service will run the seminar at Welshpool Live-stock Market on Wednesday next week. It is being hosted by Powys County Council's building control service. It runs from 9am to 4.30pm.

Industry experts will be on-hand to give businesses the latest guidance on sprinklers and fire curtains including the new requirement for domestic sprinklers in Wales. The day will also include a demonstration of training in sprinkler pipework.

For further information in attending call Karly Owen on (01938) 551250.

Full details of the event are also available by emailing buildingcontrol@powys.gov.uk

### Police join fight to tackle slavery

POLICE officers in Mid Wales have joined other Welsh forces to raise awareness of modern slavery and how to spot the signs.

Detective Chief Inspector Ross Evans at Dyfed-Powys Police said: "Modern day slavery can take place in any part of the UK, and there have been a number of examples in the news of it happening in Wales."

"Victims may be exposed to more than one form of abuse that includes child trafficking, forced labour, sexual exploitation and domestic servitude."

"We don't want people to act on any suspicions themselves, we ask that any information is shared with us so we can put measures in place to gather information and find out if modern day slavery is taking place."

# Communities to lead rights of way project

Report by Naomi Penrose

**COMMUNITIES** are set to benefit from a new project to improve the right of way network in their area.

The scheme aims to enable communities to take an active role in managing local countryside access and to take ownership of the rights of way network.

It operates within the Vale of Montgomery Rural Cluster Group encompassing the areas of Abermule, Berriew, Dolfor, Forden, Kerry, Leighton, Llandysil, Sarn and Trelystan community councils and Montgomery Town Council.

This project aims to encourage residents to be proactive in undertaking basic path maintenance and improvements in their local area. Communities will also be encouraged to identify which works to prioritise and funding is available to publicise and promote routes as the community sees fit. This grass roots project could help to further strengthen the community by bringing together people from different social circles. With landowners and volunteers all living in the local neighbourhood it is hoped they may get to know each other better, developing a greater understanding of each other's concerns and mutually looking after their interests.

Powys County Council's Countryside Services Team will be providing volunteers with their own tool kits and safety equipment and will supply all materials for the works.

Those interested should contact Phil Johnson at phil.johnson@powys.gov.uk or by telephoning 07779 989967.

## Careers festival to be held again



Youngsters were given advice on various careers at the fair

THE Powys Careers Festival is going to be held again in 2018 after a successful first event which saw some 2,500 students from across Powys converge on the Royal Welsh Showground.

The organiser, the multi-agency Positive Pathways Powys Group, has now confirmed that the second Powys Careers Festival will be taking place at Llanellwedd on Wednesday, March 7, 2018. The events are organised to show young people in education in Powys the opportunities available to them after they leave school or further education. Jackie Parker, chair of the group, said: "We were delighted with how the first event went and we are now in the midst of looking at how we can make it even better next year. What I can say though is that it will be bigger and better."

"We had a lot of feedback from students who felt that it should be opened up to Year 9 pupils. I discussed this with my fellow headteachers in other Powys high schools and I can confirm that in 2018, the event will be open to students in Years 9, 10 and 12 as well as those studying in the NPCT Group of Colleges and special schools within Powys."

## Air service in line for top charity prize

A MID-Wales based charity is in the running to win a prestigious award for its work in bringing advanced medical care quickly to people in need.

The Wales Air Ambulance has been shortlisted for the Charity Awards 2017, in the Healthcare and Medical Research category.

The Wales Air Ambulance, based in Welshpool, is the only charity dedicated to Wales to have made it through to the final round.

In 2015, the Wales Air Ambulance launched a Flying Medics programme in partnership with NHS Wales to secure consultants and critical care practitioners on board its aircraft. The project resulted in pioneering and advanced medical treatments being used on missions, bringing the hospital to the patient. This included 150 emergency anaesthetics and 47 blood transfusions in its first year.

The 10 category winners, plus the recipients of the Overall Award for Excellence and the Daniel Phelan Award for Outstanding Achievement, will be announced at a black tie dinner this evening (Thursday), held in the grounds of the Tower of London.

## Ramblers will be meeting up again

THE Welshpool Ramblers walk on Sunday will be a moderate eight miles circular one from Devil's Bridge.

The start will be from the parking area behind Sarah Buton's Chocolate Shop (OS grid ref. SN739769). Meet at 9am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre (OS grid ref. SJ226076) where transport may be available or at the start of the walk for a 10.45am departure.

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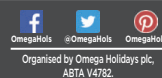
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A survey by the Living Streets walking charity last year found more than half (54 per cent) of Brits admit they're reluctant to make a 20-minute journey on foot.

This year, the charity surveyed more than 2,000 people living in the UK's 10 largest cities to find out why they aren't walking more, and more than half (56 per cent) said they would walk more if it were safer and easier, with traffic and poorly maintained pavements also cited.

"While there are good things happening in every city we surveyed, it's clear cities around the UK have some way to go to become world-leading walking cities and this is something we want to help create," says Living Streets chief executive Joe Irvin.

Finding time can be a barrier, but one simple way to overcome this is to weave walking into your daily routine - make it part of your commute or lunch break and tap into the endless benefits a regular stroll can bring.

Did you know the average Brit spends a whopping £1,000 a year on transport? You can easily cut these costs by walking to work, or



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walking your kids to school. If you can't walk the whole way, you can always skip a bus stop or park your car further away to add 20 minutes of walking to your journey. This will save a significant amount on fares and fuel, and make you feel healthier at the same time.

Incorporate daily chores into a lunchtime walk or weekend wander. Find out where the nearest

post office, supermarket or bank is and take a stroll during your break to attend to these tasks. You'll feel energized and stress-free knowing you're on top of those nagging jobs, and add 20 minutes of walking to your day. Get out and about, and get stuff done.

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and rid yourself of any negative thoughts. Take time for yourself with a 20-minute stroll and absorb all the sights, smells and sounds of your surroundings. Some fresh air and a change of scenery will boost your energy and mood. Walking is a great way to spend quality time with your loved ones. Instead of sitting indoors or going to the cinema this weekend, why not

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## Mayor elected to council role again

THE mayor of Llanfyllin Town Council has been re-elected for a second year.

Councillor David Goodman will hold the position for another year, while Councillor George Stroud was also re-elected as deputy mayor.

The vote was taken at the council's annual meeting where a motion of thanks was given to all past councillors who had stood down. As a result of members standing down, the council is looking to co-opt three councillors. Those who live, work or rent property in the area, or are registered to vote in the area, are eligible to stand.

Applications can be posted to: Jonathan Bellingham, clerk to Llanfyllin Town Council, Cefn Coed Uchaf, Llanfihangel yng Ngwynfa, Llanfyllin, SY22 5JF or email townclerk@llanfyllin.org

## West Brom is hit by court's ruling

FALL-OUT from a high-profile court case has punched a hole in the annual figures from the West Brom, driving the building society to a £19.8 million loss.

It comes despite strong home loan figures from the West Midlands biggest building society, which saw gross residential mortgage lending rise to £712m for the 12 months to the end of March.

Up from £673m a year ago, that's the biggest lending figure for the society since the financial crash of 2008.

But the West Brom had to fork out £27.5m last year after the Court of Appeal said it should not have doubled the interest it charged around 6,700 buy-to-let landlords.

Stripping out the impact of the court case, the West Brom said its underlying pre-tax profit was up 60 per cent on last year, to £7.7m.

The society has branches in Shrewsbury, Welshpool, Oswestry and Newtown.

# Youngsters think big to take rotary club investment prize

**YOUNGSTERS at schools in and around Oswestry have been wheeling and dealing again in an annual investment competition.**

The competition is run by Oswestry Rotary Club in conjunction with the town's HSBC Bank.

A total of 17 teams this year followed the movements of the UK stock market over the six months from November 2016.

Each starting with a notional £10,000 stake, teams from Oswestry School, The Marches Sixth Form, Moreton Hall and St Martins School tweaked and adjusted their portfolio once per month aiming to be first over the line with the largest 'profit' by the close of business on April 28.

In spite of their youth, it was the Year 8 St Martins' team Bolton Investment Giants (BIG) who collected their prizes at the rotary club meeting recently when, having turned a £5,546 surplus from their stake, they received £25 each with £100 for the school and other goodies from HSBC Bank as first prize winners.

Building on his success two years ago when he shone as finance director for his primary school team in a cross-school 'Dragon's Den' competition, BIG's CEO Dylan Bolton said BIG's upturn in fortune over Christmas was because his team had "looked for shares that were cyclic over the last year and likely to rise over Christmas".

He said: "The one we chose looked a good bet. We'll be back next year to defend our title." The group's teacher John Holmes was amazed by BIG's performance and said he only wished that his teacher's pension could perform as well.

Rotary organiser Robin Sinclair congratulated BIG for their success and thanked all the teams for taking part saying that the competition



Back, from left, rotary organiser Robin Sinclair, HSBC's Sean Meakin, teacher John Holmes, and front, from left, Year 8 pupils Abi Evans, Dylan Bolton and Ellie Reynolds

"aimed to broaden the interest of students in their business studies as well as providing an extra resource for teachers" and was delighted that only four of the teams this year had ended up achieving a loss.

The Rotary Club of Oswestry meets every Monday except Bank Holidays at The Wynnstay Hotel, Church Street, Oswestry at 12.30pm for 12.45pm.

It is one of 34,000 clubs in 200 countries around the world representing a

global network of business, professional and community leaders serving communities locally and around the world. Further details are available on the club website at [www.rotarycluboswestry.co.uk](http://www.rotarycluboswestry.co.uk).

## Restoration of castle on the agenda

WELSHPOOL Town Council plans to complete the second phase of the restoration of a medieval castle, which is one of the town's earliest settlement, and could receive £100,000 Heritage Lottery funding.

The council has previously carried out restoration work on the motte and bailey castle in the town, including work on the old sheep pens and Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway docks but now the council wants to complete restoration of the ancient castle, the sheep transfer station and one of the few crown bowling greens in Wales.

Members of the council services committee were due to be asked last night (Wednesday) to consider a report prepared by town clerk Robert Robinson for the £120,000 project.

In the report, Mr Robinson said: "Due to its location and its historic ancient monument status the site is considered to be one of the most important in the area."

"Welshpool has much history and this site is an important part of that history."

"The town council is keen on the sustainability of history and indeed owns and looks after many historic buildings."

"The motte and bailey castle, together with the old railway transfer station is the next phase of preservation."

Funding for stage one was gained from section 106 money via the Tesco scheme on the opposite side of the road along with grant aid from CADW and the town council.

Now the council will be asked to approve the second stage which includes refurbishment of the railway docks brickwork, cattle docks, pens and gates, the creation of sculptured sheep and some rolling railway stock.

The scheme would include improvements of the motte and bailey castle walks, the removal of trees, creation of a timber stockade, refurbishment of the bowling club building, stonework wall repairs and repairs to the railway hut.

Quote: JGRT

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# Drivers blocking fire station exit

**MOTORISTS are putting lives and people's property at risk by queuing for traffic lights outside Welshpool's fire station.**

Firefighters at Welshpool say they often find themselves held up answering a 999 call by thoughtless drivers who ignore the no stopping yellow markings outside the station in Severn Road.

The markings are placed outside the fire station so the firefighters can exit the building and get on their way to a 999 call as soon as they can.

But so frustrated are they by the inconsiderate motorists in the town they posted a photo on Twitter recently showing a line of cars stopped on the markings.

The firefighters tweeted: "Our crews had difficulties again today turning out to numerous calls due to inconsiderate drivers parking on the box junction."

Welshpool county councillor, Graham Breeze said there was no excuse for stopping on an area clearly marked as no stopping.

And he warned that lives were being put at risk because of the inconsiderate motorists.

"It is clearly marked and it is obvious that it is outside the fire station," he said. "This is completely thoughtless behaviour by the motorists who are queuing because of the main traffic lights in Welshpool town centre."

"They are putting lives and property at risk when the fire engines waste vital minutes because their exit from the station is blocked like this."

"I know how frustrating it can be being in a queue of traffic, but blocking a box junction isn't going to get the drivers anywhere more quickly."

"Please think and keep that exit for fire engines clear."



Firefighters tweeted an image of motorists stopped outside their station





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The Yard team members of Kike Olu Ibukun, Hauwa Davda, Evelyn Ma and Sarah Bucknall

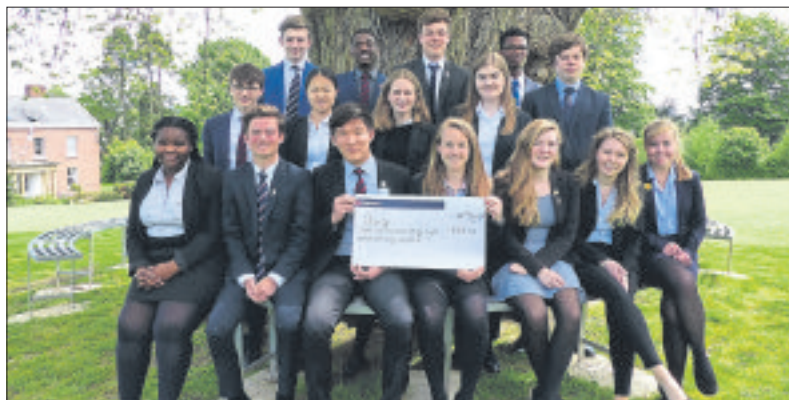


The Wonderful Waffles team of Victoria Raffle, Francesca Jones, Daren Guan and Johanna Krauss

# A hub of activity!



The Coco team of Charlotte Cope and Freya Morris



Sixth form OzBiz members with Daren Guan and Victoria Raffle



The Sixth Form tuck shop team of James Wigley, Oliver Woodward and Abou Darbo



Tuck shop's Donald Gray, Henry Bowen and Iwan Williams



OsHoodies' Ryan Nyamandi and Hot Dog Friday's Matthew Cooper

## YOUNG OsBiz entrepreneurs at Oswestry School have raised £831 from their ventures this year.

'The Hub', the school's new facility for OsBiz schemes, has been at the heart of the operations giving the entrepreneurs a base from which to operate their businesses on a daily basis.

This year saw six ventures in total, each selling their own charity to support.

Wonderful Waffles run by Daren Guan, Johanna Krauss, Victoria Raffle, Maxi Prashinger and Francesca Jones was the first business to secure funding for their venture selling fresh, homemade waffles to hungry crowds of pupils at break-time.

After initial product trials they realised they had underestimated demand and, with the purchase of a second waffle machine, they cre-

## Report by Sue Austin

ated an efficient production line. At the official opening of 'The Hub' the group served more than 100 customers in 20 minutes with fresh, warm waffles and toppings.

"Waffle Wednesday", as it is now known, grew from strength to strength with the group raising the largest amount of money.

Their proceeds will support Nightingale House in Wrexham, a charity very dear to the heart of one member.

Spokesperson for the group, Victoria Raffle said: "The charity we have chosen means a lot to me and my family."

"We really wanted to make a difference and with the £401 we raised we think we have achieved this".

Daren Guan, in charge of production, said the key to their success was teamwork.

Azaan Chapri, Omar Elbasouy and Ryan Nyamandi set up OsHoodies selling personalised, school branded hoodies.

To stand out from previous competitors this group offered two styles of hoodies, the traditional stitched logo design and a new 'Henley' style hoodie with the school branding across the shoulder. The modern design proved popular particularly amongst the younger generations.

The Yard was created by Kike Olu Ibukun, Hauwa Dauda, Evelyn Ma and Sarah Bucknall to sell Oreo milkshakes.

Their special blend of ice cream, Oreos and milk, topped with whipped cream, was popular with everyone at Oswestry School, both students and staff. The Yard, along with OsHoodies, chose to support Hope House Children's Hospice and raised £114 in total.

The provision of refreshments was at the core for most of the entrepreneurial groups this year, eager to make use of the new Hub facilities.

Coco was set up by Charlotte Cope, Freya Morris and Deepthi Nallasivan to sell luxury hot chocolate during the cold winter months.

Spokesperson for the group, Charlotte, said: "We quickly realised there were deals to be had if resources were bought in bulk and this enabled us to reduce our unit costs and maximise profit margins".

Coco raised £101 choosing to support the Shropshire Retired Greyhound Trust.

'Hot dog Friday' filled the gap in the market for hot snacks and gave customers something to look forward to at the end of each week.

Matthew Cooper and Asem Elbasouy confidently secured the funding for the equipment required to run their venture.

Matthew quickly learned the importance of speed of service and negotiated a deal to secure support from the other Osbiz entrepreneurs on the production line.

After a term of success and various extension strategies, the entrepreneurs admitted that hot dogs had come to the end of its life cycle and tried their hand at something different instead. The boys went on to support OsHoodies and, with a revamped marketing

campaign, hoodie sales took off once more. In total they raised over £150 to support the Samaritans.

Iwan Williams, Henry Bowen and Donald Gray ran a busy school tuck shop raising funds of just over £60 for POD, a charity which organises entertainment for children in hospital.

They also provided refreshments at various school events and society meetings seizing every opportunity to sell their wares.

OsBiz also took over the Sixth Form tuck shop and, in the hands of Oliver Woodward, Abou Darbo and James Wigley, they made over £230 to fund a Sixth Form social event or activity of their choosing. Linda Stephens, head of business faculty, said: "This year we have seen a 60 per cent increase in money raised for charity and I am delighted with results. With newly appointed OsBiz directors, Victoria Raffle, managing director, Daren Guan, marketing and Matthew Cooper, finance, I look forward to seeing what next year's entrepreneurs will bring to The Hub."





Flying Officer Tommy Tinsey, DFC, while filming at RAF Rednal



The Gladiator on display at Cosford appeared in a 1943 movie filmed in Shropshire



Borradaile checking the camera in the tail of a Wellington bomber

# Mystery of lost war film

Report by Toby Neal

**TWISTING and turning in the skies, these biplanes were the stars of a movie created by some of the greatest talents of the golden age of cinema, bringing home the drama and heroism of an epic and largely forgotten aerial battle.**

Based at a Shropshire airfield, the film crew overcame technical challenges and unexpected dangers – such as being fired at by friendly anti-aircraft artillery – to shoot spectacular aerial footage.

And almost 75 years later, one of those movie stars has made a return to Shropshire, looking as good as new. It is Gloster Gladiator serial number K8042, one of a number of biplanes that were used in the making of the movie *Signed With Their Honour*. It is a recent arrival at the RAF Museum at Cosford.

*Signed With Their Honour* was based on a book of that name by Australian war correspondent James Aldridge, which told the story of the air war in Greece in 1941, when a handful of outdated Gloster Gladiators fought the might of the Luftwaffe in a six week delaying action until the single British squadron was wiped out.

To take part in the movie, experienced RAF pilots were given a “rest holiday” after two or three years’ of continuous operational flying. Among them was a decorated Gladiator pilot who had been in the thick of the battle during the Greece campaign.

For taking to the skies above Shropshire to recreate the aerial conflict, they received no extra pay, the filming all being considered part of their rest cure.

What a fitting backdrop that footage would make for the Gladiator now on display at Cosford, having been moved there from the RAF Museum in London.

## Footage

Alas, there is a great, unsolved mystery. For after the aerial scenes were in the can, filming was cancelled indefinitely. The movie was never finished and nobody knows what happened to the footage that was shot by the team which had arrived at RAF Rednal, a Spitfire training base near Oswestry, in the autumn of 1943.

Maybe it lies undiscovered in some archive or private collection? Or maybe, and perhaps most probably, it was binned, and has been lost forever?

We can however bring you some rare images taken during the filming, which are in an album which was compiled by the cameraman on the project, the late Osmond Borradaile.

“Bordie” was a renowned cinematographer who worked on films such as *The Four Feathers* and *Scott of the Antarctic*, and enhanced the work of the likes of Cecil B. De Mille, Alfred Hitchcock, and Otto Preminger. He has been described as “the greatest exterior camera artist in the world.”

A Canadian, his son George lives in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, and has kindly emailed us his father’s photographic souvenirs



“A mob of drinkers - and real fellows” - that’s how Bordie captioned this picture of film crew and pilots at RAF Rednal



“Director Vernon Sewell tells us what to do – we just smile,” is the caption Bordie – in the rear seat of the Tiger Moth – has written in his album



Squadron Leader Richard Acworth, DFC, had previously flown Gladiators in battle

of that Shropshire shoot. It is conceivable that they include a photo of K8042, the Gladiator now at Cosford, although with the serial number not visible in some shots, it is impossible to be sure.

Bordie also wrote memoirs – they were compiled into the book “*Life Through A Lens*” by his daughter Anita Hadley – which shed light on why the film was abandoned.

An ambitious project, to his deep disappointment it ultimately fell victim to the limited resources of the day, he wrote, and he did not know what had happened to the negatives.

Neither George nor Anita, who lives in British Columbia, can shed any more light on what happened to the completed footage.

The Air Ministry had given Denham Studios the green light to make the film and co-operated by providing facilities, including aircraft and pilots. Locations around Shrewsbury were selected, with studio models built at Denham.

The producer was Paul Soskin, the director was Vernon Sewell, and the cast of “resting

RAF pilots included Squadron Leader Richard Acworth, who had won the Distinguished Flying Cross and had taken part in the original air battle over Greece, and another DFC winner, Birmingham-born Flying Officer Tommy Tinsey, who had 52 pieces of shrapnel in his legs, and had flown Spitfires in the North African campaign.

Bordie wrote in his memoirs: “A closely-knit group, the pilots became known as ‘Soskin’s Squadron’ after the producer, Paul Soskin.”

He went on: “Our pilots were a grand bunch of fellows. They had all flown at least two tours, and were assigned to us as a rest holiday. Some holiday all right!”

The exuberant pilots entered into the spirit of the production, and local townspeople must have wondered, said Bordie, about so many crash dives which left no trace of wreckage. The filming made headlines, and a story in the *Daily Express* of February 14, 1944, told how “in a market town in the wilds of north west England... country folk run from their cottages

day after day to gaze up at the strangest series of aerial dogfights ever seen over Britain...” The town concerned was not mentioned because of censorship, but may well have been Oswestry.

Apart from the Wellington bomber – nicknamed a “Wimpy” – which had cameras in the nose, tail, and midships, two other aircraft were used as camera planes. They were a Tiger Moth two-seater biplane, using a camera swivelled by hand and operated from the open cockpit, and a 1936 Gladiator with an automatic camera clamped onto the lower wing, surrounded by hot water bottles to stop it freezing. A captured Messerschmitt was used as the “enemy.”

Bordie wrote: “It did not take long for me to come to the conclusion that this was a most difficult assignment because of all the restrictions imposed on us. We would all be briefed as to the shots we wished to obtain, and warned of the balloon barrage to our east, and told that the ack-ack guns would open up on us if we

approached the land from the sea. Well, by the time we got through the clouds and tried to form up to get a shot, we often were over these restricted areas. It was not nice to be fired on by our own guns.”

Not long beforehand, Bordie had suffered burns when a ship on which he was filming was sunk in the Mediterranean, and in the low temperatures in the air at 18,000ft his recently-healed burns were very sensitive, so he wore a leather face mask.

“Like the other fellows, I was only glad to get back to our pub and enjoy a grog or two, and of course the laughs that followed.

“We were fortunate, for during all this show, we only lost one Glad, when the pilot made a forced landing in the hospital yard. The pilot did not need the attention of the institute, but the plane was not in such healthy shape.

“Yes, we were indeed lucky. What has happened to the footage, I do not know. A week or so after the air sequences were completed, the production was cancelled for an indefinite time.”

The location of this forced landing incident appears to have been Park Hall Farm, Oswestry, on November 4, 1943, so the hospital he mentioned would have been Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital.

However, Bordie was wrong to think this was the only aircraft to have been lost, as just under three weeks later another two Gladiators were in a mid-air collision near Arddleen in Mid Wales, both pilots baling out.

## Blank

So what happened, or might have happened, to the completed footage? We went on a sleuthing trail, but ultimately drew a blank.

Tina McFarling of the British Film Institute said there was no straightforward answer to what would happen to uncompleted film.

“If a film was not completed, you have your producers, financiers, and sometimes somebody in the middle called a completion guarantor, who is the intermediary.”

Generally it would be one of them who held the completed footage, although it was also possible the footage had been disposed of.

It seems though there is always a hope that it might have survived and unexpectedly turn up.

Our inquiries also took in the Rank Organisation, which turns out to have sold all film rights to Thames TV some time ago; FremantleMedia (of which Thames is now part); British Pathe; and Pinewood Studios, with which Denham Studios had merged many moons ago. Sadly, like all the others, Pinewood could find no trace of the film.

It wasn’t deposited at the Imperial War Museum either.

Mr Kay Gladstone, Senior Curator, Film Archive, Acquisitions and Documentation, told us: “This was a commercial – or ‘independent’ production – so would never have been deposited at IWM.”

He added: “In any case the rushes of commercial films which are abandoned are seldom retained, however frustrating that may subsequently be for journalists and historians interested in recalling the past.”

So, *Signed With Their Honour* remains “missing,” with only a slim hope that this movie masterpiece did not end up in the bin.



## New school fence prompts dad's song

A FATHER, angry at what he sees as money wasted by his local authority, has turned to song to voice his frustration.

Dave Roberts's 10-year-old daughter, Eleri is a pupil at Llanfchain Primary School.

He says she loves the school and is happy with her education.

But Mr Roberts could not believe it when a six-foot tall fence was suddenly erected on part of the school boundary.

And he was shocked when he was told the security fencing had cost more than £6,000.

To get the message across about his annoyance, Dave penned a song – The Ballad of Llanfchain Fence – which has been posted on You Tube, at <https://youtu.be/3EJxsXaagbg>.

The ballad and catchy chorus asks why the fence was put up when anyone wanting to gain access to the school could just hop over a small fence next to the high security section – or walk through a gate.

"What really annoyed me was that the money Powys County Council spent, £6,660, was spent at a time when money for the school's breakfast club was cut," Mr Roberts said.

"About a year ago an ordinary fence was put up around the school and key pads put on the doors, which I thought was sensible security."

Powys County Council's interim head of school Gareth Jones said: "The safeguarding issues had been identified by the head teacher and was also in response to an Estyn inspection.

"The new fencing and gates erected along the pathway into the school and adjacent to the community car park, provides an improvement on the previous boundary fence."

## Plans for fete are finalised

PLAN are being put together for a summer fete at Adcote School at Little Ness near Oswestry.

The Friends of Adcote and Rotary Club have teamed together to plan the fete on July 2.

The ticketed event will be jam-packed with fun, traditional fete games and competitions. Competitions will include Adcote's Got Talent and Adcote's Great British Bake Off.

There will be a main arena with performances from the Adcote Choir, gymnastic squad and the Adcote's Got Talent competitors.

There will be traditional fete stalls including hair braids, nail and face painting, tombola, plant stalls and much more as well as Water Wars, a tug of war and a penalty shoot out.

There will also be a range of stalls from local suppliers selling all manner of goods from homemade jams and pickles to jewellery, scarfs and artwork. Tickets will include a hog roast with all the trimmings.

All funds raised go to The Friends and the Rotary Club. The Friends spend their funds on the girls to enrich their time at Adcote. The Rotary Club is raising funds to support Angelic Stars which is a UK registered charity which grants wishes and dreams to children with serious or life-limiting illnesses.

## Scholarship joy for student

A 13-year-old has won a scholarship to a leading independent school.

Gorn Namchittai, who attends Packwood Haugh School in Ruyton XI Towns near Oswestry, has achieved the accolade of an academic scholarship to Winchester College.

Packwood headmaster, Clive Smith-Langridge, said: "Gorn has applied himself to his studies with extraordinary dedication during his time at Packwood and he fully deserves this success. The smile on his face when he heard the news has been one of my highlights of the term so far." Gorn's award is one of no fewer than 24 scholarships and exhibitions won so far this year by Packwood's year eight pupils. The bumper crop of awards is the highest number in recent years and includes a top Butler Scholarship for Poppy Stephens among the nine scholarships to Shrewsbury School.

In all, the scholars are moving on to eight of the leading independent schools across the country.

# Little helpers start work on sleigh for Santa Claus



Clifford Mills and Terrance Rosamond of the Oswestry Men in Sheds group hand over the special brackets to Mike Lade from the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club

WHEN Santa visits Oswestry this year he will have a shiny new sleigh to ride in.

The annual Christmas parade in Oswestry has been visited by Santa for generations and he also visits the town for the popular street collections. But recently the sleigh he uses

came to the end of its life. Oswestry Cambrian Rotarians have started building a new Santa float with help from local businesses and the skills of volunteers from the Men in Sheds project. They say it will be ready in time for the parade, held on the first Saturday in December.



Sarah McManus from the British Ironwork Centre with Mike Lade receiving the steel

Mike Lade from the rotary club said: "Now that Cambrian has taken over the town's street collection with Santa it was time to build a new float as the chassis on the old one was beyond repair."

Mr Lade said the group was grateful for the

help of the Men in Sheds group which produced a number of special brackets for the work and to the British Ironwork Centre for its donation of steel to support the sleigh's platform.

Anyone happy to help sponsor the project can contact Mr Lade on (01691) 650854.

# Line-up is announced for town's third poetry festival



Emergency poet Deborah Alma will be on hand to lift the spirits



Oswestry Rotary Club president Ian Haigh and the festival organisers Mike and Pat Edwards

Report by Sue Austin

**THE third Welshpool Poetry Festival gets under way this weekend and this year's events are sponsored by Arts Council Wales and the Rotary Club of Oswestry through its Mary Hignett Bequest Fund.**

Organiser Pat Edwards, said Young People's Laureate for Wales, Sophie McKeand, will get the event off to a flying start with her Education Outreach Day for pupils at Ysgol Maesydre tomorrow (Friday).

She joins award-winning poets James Sheard and Emergency Poet, Deborah Alma, for a sparkling evening of poetry readings at Welshpool Library from 7.30pm.

On Saturday there are various workshops at venues in the town and The Emergency Poet will be in her ambulance at Church House from 1pm prescribing poetry to soothe and heal.

Then from 4pm to 6pm there is an Open Mic event at The Church House. Anyone can turn up on the day and book a slot to read their own poetry.

"This is a free event ideal for new and emerging poets who have some work to try out in front of an audience" said Pat, "and I would encourage people to bring friends and supporters along so that we have a great atmosphere."

The festival highlight is at 7.30pm in the Church House, where two of the most exciting, current and in-demand young writers around will be reading.

Helen Mort has been described by the Daily Telegraph as "the standout poet of her generation".

Luke Kennard's latest collection 'Cain' was selected as book of the year by both The Guardian and The Sunday Times.



Talented author Luke Kennard will be at the event



Sophie McKeand will get things started at Welshpool Poetry Festival



# PROPERTY

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## Well maintained detached house is in a popular area

A well maintained four-bedroomed detached house in a popular residential edge of town estate, 27 High Fawr Avenue, Oswestry is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £279,950.

It has a master bedroom with an en-suite shower, three further bedrooms and family bathroom, two reception rooms, a fitted kitchen, a utility and ground floor cloakroom/WC, gas central heating, double glazing and UPVC fascia boarding.

In more detail the entrance hall has floor tiling, as does the cloakroom/WC.

The lounge has a large under-stairs recess area and a feature fireplace with a coal-effect gas fire.

With a pair of double doors off the lounge, the dining room has patio doors opening out to the rear, tiled flooring and a partial open plan approach through to the kitchen.

This area is well fitted with a range of both floor and wall units with extensive work surfaces, a built-in double electric oven, five ring gas hob and extractor hood over, complementary tiled splash-surfaces and tiled flooring, which is repeated to the utility.

Upstairs, the master bedroom has fitted wardrobes and an en-suite shower room. Bedroom two has built-in wardrobes and bedroom three has a built-in wardrobe. Bedroom four has a low-level over-stair bulkhead.

The bathroom is fitted with a three piece suite comprising a panelled bath with a plumbed shower fitting over, WC, wall-hung wash hand basin and full wall tiling.

Outside, a sloping drive rises off High Fawr Avenue and there is double width parking fronting the house, leading to the garage.

The open plan frontage with shrub garden has a side access to the enclosed rear garden. The enclosed rear garden has been landscaped to create a large paved patio area adjoining the house. A brick built terrace rises up with brick steps and includes a number of borders with shrubs, herbs and soft fruit plants. There is a timber decked area at the upper level.

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# Detached property on a substantial private plot

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A charming detached three-bedroomed property on a substantial plot, 74 Liys Road, Oswestry is well presented throughout and has parking for numerous vehicles.

With generous lawned gardens and a wood burning stove in the lounge, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £176,500. With gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge with the wood-burning stove, a dining room, a kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

The private gardens include a generous lawned area with hedging and fencing for privacy with a paved patio area and shrubbed borders.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole for more details on 01691 679595.



# Period detached bungalow offers excellent potential

PANT  
£195,000

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A period detached bungalow, Horwood, Penygareg Lane, Pant, offers excellent potential and is situated in an elevated location centrally within the village.

It is for sale through JJ Dell&Co with a guide price of £195,000 and there is no chain.

The property has a reception hall, living room, dining room and kitchen.

There is also three bedrooms and a bathroom as well as a sun room. There is ample parking and the property benefits from a detached garage.

The property occupies a quiet position within walking distance of the village facilities. Pant has good local facilities including a shop, Post Office, public house, primary school and a renowned golf course.

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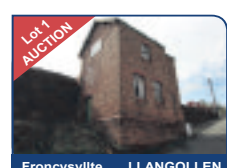


**Gobowen Road  
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Guide £65,000-£75,000

- Modernised Inter terraced property.
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- Contact WREXHAM OFFICE



**Brownlow Road** **ELLESMERE**  
Guide Over £130,000

- Double Fronted Red Brick Terrace Property
- Some original features and requiring modernisation
- Three bedroom property with garage.
- EPC Rating (E) 47
- Contact ELLESMERE OFFICE



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**Pickhill** **WREXHAM**  
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**Oak Street  
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- A superbly presented and spacious 2 Bedroom End-Terrace House
- Retaining many character features including original fireplaces
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**Gresford** **WREXHAM**  
Guide £125,000-£135,000

- Great potential for modernisation and refurbishment
- Three bedroom semi detached house
- Sought after location
- Gardens extending to Approx. 0.12 Acres or thereabouts
- EPC Rating G (19)
- Contact WREXHAM OFFICE



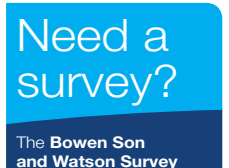
**West Felton** **OSWESTRY**  
Guide Over £125,000

- 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Cottage
- Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room, Inner Hallway
- 2 First Floor Bedrooms & Bathroom
- The whole in total extends to 0.37 acres
- Contact OSWESTRY OFFICE



**Holt** **WREXHAM**  
Guide Over £150,000

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Its accommodation currently comprises an entrance hallway, a cellar, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen/ diner, six bedrooms and a family bathroom. The good sized rear garden is lawned and enclosed by walling and hedging making, it is a private and secure area. There is a car park around the corner with possible permit parking available.

Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.



# Home is full of key features and enjoys great views

PECKNALL  
£875,000

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Privacy, panoramic views and a swimming pool, pile on the appeal at Shotton Farm, near Halfway House.

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NEW

**OSWESTRY**

- Attractive Bungalow Within Walking Distance Of Town Centre
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- Parking
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NEW

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- Dining Room
- Kitchen
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- Agreement - £180 inc VAT.
- Character/employment References Required.
- JJD093

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## Detached home benefits from elevated position

TRELYDAN, WELSHPOOL  
£199,950

**Berwyn View, Trelydan, Welshpool, is a delightful, detached bungalow set in an elevated rural position.**

It is for sale through Halls for £199,950. It benefits from a generous plot with magnificent views and being only 1.1 miles from the market town of Welshpool. The property is subject to an agricultural tie. The property briefly comprises a good sized entrance hall with doors off to sitting room with fireplace, kitchen/dining room with good range of units and work surfaces, useful pantry, ample space for dining table and having access door to garage, two good sized bedrooms and recently updated family bathroom. The property is accessed from the council maintained roadway over its own private, gated, driveway which leads up to the property with parking and turning area and additional space is available alongside the garage.

Contact Halls on 01938 555552.



Property within walking distance to town centre has annexe

OSWESTRY  
£314,995

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The sale of 8 Ardmillan Close, Oswestry offers the rare chance to buy a three-bedroom detached house with a self-contained two-bedroom annexe, within walking distance of the town centre.

It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson and the asking price is offers in the region of £314,995.

The main property has an entrance lobby, an entrance hall, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a rear hall, a utility room and WC.

The main property on the first floor has three double bedrooms, a bathroom and a separate shower room. The annexe accommodation which comes with the property includes a living room, a kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom.

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# Charity market proves to be another hit for groups



Alex Drury of Qube, Oswestry Mayor Vince Hunt and Oswestry Town Council's David Clough



Curtis Langley and Vicky Madin from The Movement Centre at the charity market

TWENTY-THREE local organisations gathered on the Bailey Head in Oswestry for Qube's annual summer charity market.

The public came along to find out about local services, support their local charities and grab a bargain.

Local organisations such as The Movement

Centre, Stitch Plus and the Ifton Colliery Commemorative Project got the chance to raise awareness of their services and a total of more than £600 was raised for all these good causes.

The event took place as part of national Volunteers' Week celebrations.

Volunteers across the UK are being recog-

nised for the important contribution they make to local services and charities and the event has helped to recruit more volunteers locally organisers have said.

Qube's volunteering officer, Alex Drury, who organised the charity market, said: "We have had a great day, it's great to see people coming

along and giving their support. Local charities have really benefitted from the exposure and we're always very grateful to Oswestry Town Council for helping us stage the event each year."

The Oswestry Charity Market runs twice a year.

# Plenty of fun and games at college's big summer fete



Former students Paul Williams and Lewis Roberts enjoy a reunion at the fete



Independence co-ordinator Bethan Porritt helps student James Evans enjoy some fete fun

**Report by Naomi Penrose**

**FUN was in the air at a specialist college's annual summer fete.**

The Derwen College in Gobowen, near Oswestry, opened its doors to hundreds of people on Thursday last week, for an afternoon of entertainment to raise money for the college's facilities for its students.

The afternoon offered something for everyone, including fun and games, as well as a host of stalls including books, tombola, a vintage sale, a bottle stall and market stall, and as an added bonus the sun even shone for the event.

One of the main highlights of the day included the college's students performing the 'Time Warp' for all to see.

This year's event held particular significance as 2017 marks the college's 90th birthday.

Mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Vince Hunt, who was one of the special guests at the fete, said the event was a "fantastic afternoon".

He said: "I had a brilliant time, it was a fantastic afternoon, with plenty to do and see. The particular highlight for me was watching the students perform the 'Time Warp'. As a father I've watched performances at my children's schools over the years, some have been better than others but I've enjoyed them because my children were in them but this performance was absolutely superb. I've got to say, it was brilliant. The Derwen is a fantastic place, it's a real credit to the area."

During his afternoon at the fete, Councillor Hunt also paid a visit to the college's very own farm shop.

He added: "I came home with some jam but what I think is fantastic to see is that the students contribute in some way."



Thomas Shacklady takes a look at some artwork



Ethan Lloyd enjoys some biking action during the fete at Derwen College

## Open day to discuss sight loss condition

AN event aimed at raising awareness of the most common cause of sight loss in the UK is taking place in Oswestry later this month.

The Oswestry Macular Support Group, in partnership with the Macular Society, has organised an open day, which takes place on Friday next week from 1.30pm to 5pm at Qube in Oswald Road.

The event will offer information about age-related macular degeneration (AMD). It will also highlight the wide range of support available to people living in the local area with AMD and other macular conditions.

On the day, members of the Oswestry Macular Support Group will be on hand to talk to visitors about the group's activities, how it helps people with macular conditions living locally and additional support available in the area for people with vision loss. The group meets at Qube on the third Friday of each month. It is one of 350 macular support groups all over the UK and offers information, encouragement and friendship to people with macular disease.

Malcolm Johnson, chairman of the Oswestry Macular Support Group, said: "Events like these are a great way to raise awareness of macular disease and highlight the work of the Oswestry Macular Support Group. The group is here for anyone affected by macular degeneration and we want to see as many people using it as possible. It's good to be able to learn from each other's experiences and tips. The peer support can be so helpful – our group can really help people increase in confidence and become more independent."

For more information contact Malcolm Johnson on 07710 800548.

## Action call on litter problems

WELSHPOOL Town Council is planning to launch a campaign in a bid to crack down on littering.

The council is proposing to launch the campaign targeting those who drop litter or do not take responsibility for cleaning up after themselves and will also call on owners and tenants to take responsibility for clearing up their own areas.

A report was due to be discussed by the council services committee last night (Wednesday) calling for a promotional campaign against littering and seeking business support, particularly from main road retail frontages, to sweep and keep clean areas in front of their shops.

The council also plans to make representations to both Parliament and the Welsh Government over control of packaging and making packaging litter friendly and degradable.

Town clerk Robert Robinson said: "The issue of litter has been highlighted and is progressively getting worse in most towns.

"To this end it is suggested that a litter campaign needs to be put in place to support the existing work being carried out.

"The current actions being taken by the town council include street scene service, litter champions, Keep Welshpool Tidy Week, dog fouling yellow painting and the provision of extra litter bins."

## Customers keen to go to Iceland

A RECORD Christmas and the expansion of the new chain of Food Warehouse stores helped Iceland to strong sales growth last year.

The Shropshire-founded supermarket chain delivered a 4.4 per cent increase in sales to £2.8 billion in the year to March 24.

On a like-for-like basis, which compares sales only in stores which have been open for a year, sales returned to growth of two per cent, having fallen by 2.7 per cent last year.

Executive chairman Malcolm Walker, who founded the chain in Oswestry in 1970, said: "The set of strategic initiatives we began in 2015, with the aim of differentiating Iceland, changing consumer perceptions and so restoring growth to our business, bore fruit in the year under review.

"Like-for-like sales performance improved throughout the year to make us one of the UK's fastest-growing food retailers by the year-end."



## Red Arrows fly in for open day

OWNERS of a farm are hoping to repeat the success of a fundraising day when they open up to the public – with the help of the famous Red Arrows.

Winston Farm in Tetchill, near Ellesmere, raised £1,600 for Oswestry's Hope House Children's Hospice when it took part in Open Farm Sunday in 2016.

Owner Steve Jones was delighted to take part in last year's event and is looking forward to opening up his farm up again this year on Sunday.

This year's event, which will feature a barbecue, falconry display and flypast from the Red Arrows, will once again be supporting Hope House.

"We did it last year and it went really well," said Mr Jones, who admitted he might have one or two more tricks up his sleeve when it comes to entertainment. "We had more than 450 people come to the farm and we raised £1,600 for Hope House."

The farm will be open from 11am until 3pm.

## Sweet treat for young passengers

THERE will be a sweet treat on the way for young railway enthusiasts this weekend.

Free ice creams will be on offer to all children travelling from Oswestry and Llynclys stations on the Cambrian Heritage Railways on Saturday.

The railways is hosting its Children's Day on Saturday.

In addition, at Oswestry, youngsters will be invited to take part in a Bear Hunt where prizes will be on offer, organisers have said.

Children's stories will be read in the Station Master's office.

The latest book in the popular Jack the Station Cat series, Jack the Station Cat Takes a Holiday, will be available to buy.

Trains run from 11am to 4pm at both sites.

# Enthusiasts expected to flock to enjoy air show

Report by Sue Austin

**ENTHUSIASTS** from near and far are expected to attend this year's **Bob Jones Memorial Air Show in Welshpool on Sunday.**

This year's show not only includes displays in the skies but also a transport festival with a wide range of exhibits of classic and vintage cars, motorbikes, buses and industrial vehicles.

The Red Devils freefall parachute display team will be in action, the Red Arrows will be making an appearance and there will also be helicopter rides among the attractions.

One plane which will not be at the show is a De Havilland Sea Vixen, which flew from Royal Navy aircraft carriers in the 1960s and 70s.

The aircraft was due to be at the show but was damaged in a crash.

After appearing at the Duxford Air Show in Cambridgeshire two weeks ago, it hit the ground at its base without its landing gear. The pilot was unharmed but the plane suffered major damage. Robert Robinson, Welshpool Town Clerk, who organises the event, said a replacement aircraft, a Bronco, would be flying in to take part.

"The main thing is that the pilot was not injured," he said.

"It is disappointing but visitors will be able to see the Bronco which is apparently a wonderful aircraft."

"We have had some great news in the Red Arrows confirmation that they will be making an appearance. The Red Arrows are always a huge favourite with visitors to our show."

Tickets for the event are £10 for adults. Visitors can buy advance tickets for just £8.80. The advance price is available by booking online on the airshow website, [www.welshpoolairshow.co.uk/](http://www.welshpoolairshow.co.uk/) or by calling into Welshpool Tourist Information Centre.



The De Havilland Sea Vixen won't be appearing at the show after this recent crash landing

## Walk round lake will be in aid of charity

A WALK to raise funds for Parkinson's UK is taking place this summer at a well known beauty spot near Oswestry.

The Walk for Parkinson's will be held on July 9 around Lake Vyrnwy. Hosted by Lake Vyrnwy Hotel & Spa, walkers will receive a hot drink, a breakfast roll at registration.

There will also be a choice of distances for participants of either 12 miles or two miles.

The 12-mile walk is a circular route around the lake which should take between four to six hours.

The two-mile route is across the stone dam and back.

Both are along road surfaces and finish with a hill back to the hotel.

Registration costs £10, and £5 for under 16s, and although there is not a fundraising target, the charity said it would be grateful if walkers could try to raise a minimum of £50 sponsorship.

The walk was a huge success last year raising more than £14,500 for the charity.

For more information or to register online visit [parkinsons.org.uk/content/walk-parkinsons-lake-vyrnwy](http://parkinsons.org.uk/content/walk-parkinsons-lake-vyrnwy).

## Homelessness is theme of talk

OSWESTRY Equality Group is holding a talk about homelessness.

Tim Compton, manager of The Shrewsbury Ark, will speak about the issue at the meeting on Thursday next week.

The meeting will be at 7.30pm at Albert Road Evangelical Church.

Penny Rice, speaking for the group, said "This promises to be a really interesting and informative evening. We will be having a collection to go towards the valuable work that The Shrewsbury Ark does. However there will be coffee and cake as usual."

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# It's only a joke if the audience laughs

**F**unnyman Jimmy Carr has been one of nation's most successful stand-up comics, since launching his career in 2000.

The deadpan master of dark humour has also become a household name through his work on the Channel 4 panel show 8 Out of 10 Cats and The Big Fat Quiz of the Year.

He's back on the road after gathering a selection of his very best jokes along with brand new material for the ultimate comedy show. Jimmy will headline Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Saturday in The Best of, Ultimate Gold, Greatest Hits Tour.

A man who has devoted his life to crafting perfect jokes and has left a trail of laughter in his wake, his new tour will distill everything we love to laugh at and be shocked by, into one unparalleled night of entertainment.

During his years in stand-up, Jimmy has performed nine sell-out tours, playing nearly 2,000 shows to over two million people across four continents. He's won the British Comedy Award for Best Live Stand-Up Tour and been nominated for the Perrier Award.

At the start of his career, Jimmy had no plans to work in TV. "I had no aspiration as a kid at all. If I'd known that it was possible to work in television, I would have wanted to be a producer; but I didn't know anyone in that world. It wasn't an option.

"Instead I took the line of least resistance. I grew up in middle-class Berkshire, so I was obviously going to do A Levels and try to get to the best university possible.

"The fact I've lost my Catholic faith would probably come as the biggest surprise.

"I got to Cambridge and then worked way too hard to get a job in marketing for a blue-chip company. It was amazing that at no point during those years did I think, 'What the devil am I up to?'

"My young self would be a bit shocked that in my mid-20s I made a conscious decision to do something completely out of the ordinary. I left my well-paid job to join the circus.

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"The whole being-on-television thing would seem a bit surreal to my younger self. I think I'd also be a bit concerned at the lack of work I do: I only have to do two hours a day max to be considered the hardest working man in comedy.

"I was a little bit melancholy as a youngster but I'm a lot happier now. Doing comedy makes me happy."

Jimmy has taken his show around the world and has proved a hit in Japan. He was thrilled to fly out to the Land of the Rising Sun.

"I desperately wanted to go to Japan. My promoter friend and I are obsessed with food. So we were looking at places to go and tour with amazing restaurants so we can go and eat some amazing food. And Tokyo was number one on our list. We basically put it in the tour so we could eat incredible Japanese food. It is the best in the world. If you like watching documentaries on people making sushi, which I do, who doesn't want to go to Japan?"

In an age of observational comedy, Jimmy is happy to go it alone and tell jokes. He has no axe to grind and just likes making people laugh.

"In this day and age people don't do one-line jokes. There's an American tradition of telling people about their lives. But I don't mean it. It's not like I'm telling jokes but there's a message there. I have no axe to grind. I'm an entertainer. I'm not trying to be a wise man. My thing on

*I was a little bit melancholy as a youngster but I'm a lot happier now*

controversy is it's an easy story on a slow news day. I never apologise for jokes. At most I've said sorry you're upset. It was a joke! I'm only joking. I'm not making a serious political statement; I'm just making you laugh.

"You have to be respectful of the right to be offended but I will joke about anything as long as the joke is good enough to warrant it. There's got to be a gut-wrenching laugh. My favourite noise in comedy is a laugh followed by an intake of breath. Because a laugh is a reflex. A sharp intake is their conscience saying they shouldn't have laughed at that. The audience regulate comedy in a way that doesn't happen in other art forms. If the audience don't laugh it wasn't even a joke, it was just two sentences strung together. Ultimately they are the arbiters of taste and decency and what's funny."

Jimmy's new show deals with many of the funniest jokes he's ever told and he's perfectly happy to return to that material. He thinks people will enjoy hearing the best gags again – just as rock fans love listening to their favourite band's hits.

"I'm quite an old fashioned comedian in a strange way, because not many people do one liners anymore – not many people do jokes. They might do a long story that's got a lot of laughs along the way and then a big punch line at the end and if you've heard that before, you know where it goes and the surprise is done. But when you're telling three, four gags a minute, I think you can go back. People forget them.

"People tell me my own jokes. It's one of my favourite things: at the end of the show there's always a signing and people kind of go 'I've got one you're going to love' and you go 'Yes – that's from my second DVD!' It's a lovely thing when they live on in someone else's head. It's quite sweet. But I'm not frightened by it because I've sort of been doing best-of shows on the quiet for years – they're called corporates."

Perceptions of Jimmy have changed over the year. Once he was thought of as the dark prince of comedy, an enfant terrible who'd tell scandalous gags. However, opinions towards him have mellowed – even though his material hasn't. He's happy to no longer be in the spotlight – and even happier that he's more successful than ever.

"I'm probably bigger now than I've ever been, but it's less of a story. I can sell lots of tickets, I can play shows, but it's kind of under the radar. But it's when you're on the up and you'll be famous in a year, everyone comes to see you. I think it's because it's almost irritating: 'Who's this new guy? He's come from nowhere!' I was really conscious of this one year, when I was on Channel 4 like four nights a week and people were like 'what?'. Now if I do that, people just go 'oh yeah, course he is.'"

Jimmy's appetite for comedy started at an early age. During his school years, he was part of a gang where the objective was to make one another laugh.

"If you weren't funny at school, you weren't one of our friends. That taught me to handle hecklers. Having a good sense of humour was how you'd be in the group. Everyone was just very, very good. That really has been a lifelong love of mine – taking the p\*\*\* and knowing where to draw the line. If someone heckles me now I just think, 'OK, here we go. I've been

doing this for years!'" And though he's now thought of as being one of the hardest working men in showbusiness, in fact, he used to work much harder.

"I really enjoyed working after university in advertising and marketing. I'd tell myself at 16 it is nice to have a relatable and normal life. If you go straight into showbusiness you are never really grateful for how easy it is. And it is really easy. When you start doing comedy it is the first time you are self-employed so you think you are never going to do any more gigs than this – so you do all of them. I remember for the first four years

in comedy I was doing upwards of 300 gigs a year. If someone asked me if I wanted to go to Plymouth for £60 I'd say yes. I was paying my dues."

● For more entertainment news and reviews see The Ticket in your Shropshire Star every Friday.





# Top talent at proms in the park event

Soprano Emily Haig will headline a new classical music event this summer, it has been announced.

The classical singer will take to the stage at Proms and Prosecco in the Park in Newport on September 9, and is known for delighting millions of sporting fans with her live appearances at Wembley Stadium.

She will also open this year's British Grand Prix and is set to release a single, Blue Sapphire, composed by the renowned Dr Olga Thomas in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's sapphire jubilee.

The soloist will lead a line-up from around the country including tenor Jack Foley, who has performed with The Royal Opera, Covent Garden Carl Rosa Opera Company and Grange Park Opera as well as starring in musicals across Britain and internationally.

The event will be staged at Newport's Chetwynd Deer Park, to coincide with the Last Night of the Proms at London's Royal Albert Hall. Also confirmed to appear are a string quartet from the Camerata of London chamber orchestra, Amadeus Brass Quintet and Prima Wind Quintet, a five-piece group from Manchester's Royal Northern

College of Music. A number of local acts will also be added to the line-up, with further details to be announced soon.

Newport-based organisers Sarah Lewis and Esther Wright, of Fizz Festivals Ltd, said they were thrilled to announce such an exciting line-up, with tickets now on sale.

Miss Lewis said: "We are extremely excited to be welcoming Emily Haig and Jack Foley – both are sensational performers and respected classical artists."

For further information follow @FizzFestivalsLtd on Facebook or visit [www.fizzfestivals.com](http://www.fizzfestivals.com)



## Coming up

### The sound of summer at church

Shrewsbury Cantata Choir, conducted by Marianne Ayling, will be performing a concert titled "The Sound of Summer" at Holy Trinity Church, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury on June 17, at 7.30pm.

Marianne Ayling, soprano from the Shrewsbury Cantata Choir and vocal tutor with the Birmingham-based vocal ensemble Ex Cathedra confirmed that one particularly appropriate song will be A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square, by Maschwitz and Sherwin. The choir will also be singing the hauntingly beautiful Sleep by Eric Whitaker; madrigals including The Silver Swan by Orlando Gibbons, All Creatures Now and Now is the Month of Maying. Also some jazz classics and the light-hearted Fly Me to the Moon by Bart Howard.

"Our concert is a celebration of summer," says Nicola Pacult an alto from the choir. "We'll be singing music for when the shadows are long on the grass, some of the most lovely songs that have ever been written, music from different times and places. The song of the nightingale is emblematic of such music. The nightingale is a summer visitor and an infrequent passer-by in Shrewsbury, which lies at the northern extremity of its range. But on rare and special nights its beautiful song is sometimes heard, even in outer suburbs such as Meole Brace."

Tickets are £10 (students and under 18s free).



# Hillfort herbal walk will give plenty of benefits

**C**ountryside enthusiasts will be able to discover more about the green heritage of Old Oswestry Hillfort during a mid-summer herbal walk.

Participants will learn about the aromatic and healing properties of Old Oswestry's abundant flora during a gentle stroll led by the noted Welsh Borderlands herbalist, Natalie Morris.

As well as being a hub of Iron Age history, the 3,000-year-old earthwork is also a haven of wildlife, including some species rarely seen in Shropshire.

In summertime, the hillfort ramparts are in bloom with a wide variety of plants.

Many have medicinal, restorative or therapeutic properties used through the ages to treat all manner of ailments, from heart arrhythmia to sore heels.

Ms Morris will tell the story of the hillfort as "natural medicine cabinet" during an engaging and informative tour.

The tour coincides with Herbal Medicine Week, the UK's annual celebration of herbal medicine.

Organised by newly formed group, the Oswestry Heritage Gateway, the event takes place on June 17. The event will take place from 2pm to 4pm and costs £5.

Starting at Gatacre Playing Fields car park in Oswestry, the walk will cover approximately 3 km (1.75 miles) and includes a number of short climbs to reach the hillfort summit.

Places are limited making pre-registration essential via the Old Oswestry Hillfort page on Facebook, or email: [kate@kateclarkepr.com](mailto:kate@kateclarkepr.com)

The Oswestry Heritage Gateway group is facilitating the conservation and promotion of Old Oswestry hillfort.

The hillfort is often referred to as "The Stonehenge of the Iron Age", and campaigners say it is an important part of the historic northern landscape of the English/Welsh border market town of Oswestry.

Countryside enthusiasts can learn more about Old Oswestry Hillfort's abundant flora and its many benefits



## Have a Wizzard time with Roy

Rock Wizzard Roy Wood will perform for fans in Shrewsbury later this year.

The 70-year-old Midlands star is known for his time with famous bands such as Electric Light Orchestra, The Move and Wizzard.

Songs he is best known for include I Can Hear The Grass Grow, Blackberry Way, Fire Brigade, Park Ball Incident, I Wish It Could Be Christmas Every Day and Angel Fingers.

The star, who has been credited as playing a major role in the glam rock, psychedelic and prog rock movements, will be on stage at Theatre Severn on November 15, alongside his band.

He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame earlier this year as a member of Electric Light Orchestra.

In 2008, Wood was awarded an honorary doctorate for his contribution to rock and pop by the University of Derby.

The show was due to play at the theatre on November 10, but the date has now been rescheduled.

Tickets already purchased remain valid, bosses at the Shrewsbury theatre have said.

For more information about the music event and to book tickets to see Roy Wood and his band in action people can visit Theatre Severn's website by going to [www.theatresevern.co.uk](http://www.theatresevern.co.uk)

Alternatively, people can call the box office at Theatre Severn on 01743 281281.



## Go and see the cosmic egg

A four metre high cosmic egg and a glittering array of sculptures and jewellery are now open to the public now the Andrew Logan Museum of Sculpture has opened its doors to the public for its 26th season.

Having celebrated its Silver Jubilee last year, the museum in Berriew, near Welshpool, is now open again to the public.

The museum is home to a selection of Logan's signature sculptures and jewellery. Original costumes and memorabilia from his renowned Alternative Miss World's are on display alongside the four metre tall cosmic egg, a shrine to the late Divine – one of many works inspired by Andrew's friends and muses – and other dazzling treasures of sculpture, portraiture, jewellery, photos and costumes.

The museum opened on August Bank Holiday 1991 to a literal fanfare and Andrew wielding oversized scissors to a crowd including Dame Zandra Rhodes, designer Celia Birtwell, the late Dr John Menkes and Andrew's family.

Many have travelled since to Berriew to visit, including Rocky Horror Show's Richard O'Brien and Patricia Quinn, Anita Pallenberg, Mavis Nicholson, Molly Parkin, Fenella Fielding, Rula Lenska and Amanda Barrie.

The museum is open Saturdays, Sundays and August Bank Holiday Monday in June, July, August and September from noon to 4pm. Admission costs £3 for adults, £1.50 for children, students and concessions.



\*MEMBERS of the Friends of the Montgomery Canal will hold their annual general meeting on Saturday at the Village Hall, Llandrinio at 7pm.

There will be a talk and demonstration after the meeting by Dave Walker, a boat rope and fender maker.

Freda Davies from Friends of the Montgomery Canal said: "Please come along to find out latest news about the canal, non members are very welcome. "Free refreshments will be available after the meeting."

\*A FORMER Second World War pilot will be speaking at an event in Welshpool.

Allan Scott will be giving a talk at Welshpool Town Hall on Wednesday next week.

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into Germany then followed. Allan's war came to a safe end, but a safe life was not for him. Going on to test-fly more than 80 different aircraft, he came close to several potential disasters and suffered one real one – yet he remained undaunted.

Talk organiser Alan Crowe said: "Allan's story is one of determination, courage and an acute awareness of the good fortune that accompanied him."

"In his mid 90s and still flying a Spitfire. Come along and hear Allan's remarkable story."

VIP tickets cost £10 and include refreshments, a chance to win a copy of Allan's book, 50 per cent discount on aviation DVDs, plus a free gift to the first 50 advance tickets.

The evening, starting at 7.30pm, is being held to raise funds to have a Spitfire on static display again at this year's Welshpool 1940s weekend to be held from September 29 to October 1.

For more information see Facebook – Welshpool Forties Weekend or [www.welshpool1940sweekend.co.uk](http://www.welshpool1940sweekend.co.uk)

Tickets are available from Welshpool Jewellers, Stepchange Personnel Welshpool, or on the door.

\*SHROPSHIRE Humanist Group will be holding a meeting on Thursday next week at 7.30pm in University Centre Shrewsbury at Shrewsbury's Guildhall.

The meeting will hear a presentation called Blasphemy and Freedom of Expression – a Matter of Life and Death, by Professor Paul Sturges.



# June 10



**Casualty**  
*8.45pm*  
Violence at a right-wing rally outside a local Muslim community centre brings plenty of patients in to Holby's ER, including Mickey, who Jez is dismayed to learn has still been supporting his racist family. Ethan discovers Scott Ellisson has been released from police custody without charge.



**Live International Rugby Union**  
*8pm*  
Argentina v England (Kick-off 8.15pm). Coverage of the opening match of the two-Test series, staged at the Estadio San Juan del Bicentenario in San Juan. This tour represents a chance for several players to stake a claim to a regular place in Eddie Jones' squad.



**Live French Open Tennis**  
*1.30pm*  
John Inverdale presents coverage of the women's singles final on the 14th day's play at Roland Garros, which was won by Garbine Muguruza last year. With analysis from Marion Bartoli, Jim Courier and Martina Navratilova, commentary by Nick Mullins and Sam Smith.



**Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson**  
*7pm*  
Tony follows the Ridgeway from the Wiltshire Downs, through Berkshire and Oxfordshire, finally arriving on the banks of the Thames. Along the way, he visits a world-famous stone circle and explores an ancient burial chamber that is older than the pyramids.



**Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away**  
*7pm*  
Paul and Ben try to drill through the locks on a property to evict the residents, only to find to their surprise that the door has been modified with some special reinforced metal. Elsewhere, Delroy and Brian try to reclaim money a garage owes to a customer.

BBC1	
6.00	<b>Breakfast.</b>
10.00	<b>Saturday Kitchen Live.</b> BBC radio presenter Fearne Cotton joins Michel Roux Jr, as chefs Sabrina Ghayour and Lawrence Keogh prepare dishes for her to sample in the studio kitchen.
11.30	<b>Mary Berry Cooks.</b> Recipes for everyday meals and special occasions, beginning with afternoon tea. (R)
12.00	<b>Bargain Hunt.</b> A pair of nurses takes on a duo of paramedics in Derby, with the assistance of Nick Hall and Jonathan Pratt. Elsewhere, Tim Wonnacott visits the Museum of Childhood. (R)
1.00	<b>BBC News;</b> Weather.
1.15	<b>Athletics: Diamond League Rome Highlights.</b> The Golden Gala Pietro Mennea. Gabby Logan presents action from the fourth Diamond League event of the season, which was held at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome.
2.15	<b>Escape to the Country.</b> A couple looking to buy their first home together in rural Staffordshire. (R)
3.15	<b>Money for Nothing.</b> Unearthing hidden gems at a recycling centre in Witley, Surrey. (R)
4.15	<b>Pointless Celebrities.</b> With Chris Packham, Tom Heap, Miranda Krestovnikoff and Bill Oddie. (R)
5.05	<b>BBC News.</b>
5.15	<b>Midlands Today;</b> Weather.
5.25	<b>FILM: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (1984).</b> The intrepid archaeologist travels to India, where he battles to retrieve sacred stones in the possession of an evil cult. Action adventure, starring Harrison Ford and Kate Capshaw.
7.15	<b>Doctor Who.</b> Victorian soldiers trying to conquer Mars fall victim to a dangerous hive of Ice Warriors, and the Doctor is unsure whose side to take now that the humans have become invaders.
8.00	<b>Who Dares Wins.</b> Nick Knowles challenges two pairs of complete strangers to team up, and battle it out to list as much as they know about a given subject.
8.45	<b>Casualty.</b> Violence at a right-wing rally outside a local Muslim community centre brings the Ellisson family back into the ER, and gives Ethan a chance to confront Scott about Cal's death.
9.30	<b>Mrs Brown's Boys.</b> Agnes goes on a diet after her family's comments about her weight, but soon realises how difficult it will be to lay off the fish and chips. (R)
10.00	<b>BBC News;</b> Weather; <b>National Lottery Update.</b>
10.20	<b>Would I Lie to You?</b> Gareth Malone, Amanda Abbington, Richard Osman and Phill Jupitus join David Mitchell and guest captain Greg Davies on the truth-or-lies comedy panel show, hosted by Rob Brydon. (R)
10.50	<b>FILM: Shanghai Noon (2000).</b> A 19th-century imperial guard to the Emperor of China is flung into the Wild West on a mission to rescue a kidnapped princess. Comedy Western, starring Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson.
12.35	<b>Weather for the Week Ahead.</b>
12.40	<b>BBC News.</b>

BBC2	
6.15	<b>A to Z of TV Gardening.</b> Carol Kirkwood looks at subjects beginning with the letter P. (R)
7.00	<b>FILM: Dance, Girl, Dance (1940).</b> Musical comedy, with Maureen O'Hara and Lucille Ball.
8.25	<b>FILM: The Westerner (1940).</b> A wandering cowboy gets mixed up in a range war between cattlemen and homesteaders and becomes an enemy of a notorious judge. Western, starring Gary Cooper and Walter Brennan.
10.00	<b>Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape.</b> The marine biologist tries to raise funds to publish his work. Last in the series. (R)
11.00	<b>Homes Under the Hammer.</b> Properties about to be auctioned in London, Shropshire and Wales. (R)
12.00	<b>Great British Menu.</b> The entrants representing Wales prepare starters. (R)
12.30	<b>Great British Menu.</b> Chefs prepare their fish courses. (R)
1.00	<b>Great British Menu.</b> The entrants representing Wales prepare their main courses. (R)
1.30	<b>Bette Davis: Talking Pictures.</b> Profiles of stars of the silver screen, beginning with Bette Davis. (R)
2.15	<b>FILM: Now, Voyager (1942).</b> A spinster undergoes a remarkable transformation and embarks on an affair with a married man. Romantic drama, starring Bette Davis and Claude Rains.
4.10	<b>Flog It!</b> From Edinburgh. (R)
5.00	<b>Gardeners' World.</b> A look at the new RHS Chatsworth Flower Show. (R)
6.00	<b>Great Continental Railway Journeys.</b> Michael Portillo continues his journey through Italy, taking in La Spezia naval base, Parma's Teatro Regio opera, and the winding Alpine roads of Rovereto.
6.30	<b>Dad's Army.</b> Captain Mainwaring enlists an unusual recruit to the platoon. Vintage comedy, starring John Le Mesurier and Arthur Lowe. (R)
7.00	<b>Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 2017.</b> Kirsty Wark and Brenda Emmanus visit the Royal Academy to preview this year's open-submission exhibition, which is due to open to the public on Tuesday.
8.00	<b>Live International Rugby Union.</b> Argentina v England (Kick-off 8.15pm). Jason Mohammad presents coverage of the opening match of the two-Test series, staged at the Estadio San Juan del Bicentenario in San Juan.
10.30	<b>Cricknet: ICC Champions Trophy Highlights.</b> England v Australia. Action from the Group A clash in the final round of pool-stage fixtures, which took place at Edgbaston.
11.20	<b>Versailles.</b> Louis XIV returns to Versailles vowing to purify his private life, while Madame de Montespan hopes to cement her place in his heart. George Blagden and Anna Brewster star; (R) <b>Inside Versailles.</b> Kate Williams and Greg Jenner discuss Louis XIV's interest in scientific discovery and research. (R)
12.20	<b>FILM: Elles (2011).</b> Drama, starring Juliette Binoche and Anaïs Demoustier.
1.55	<b>This Is BBC2.</b>

ITV	
6.00	<b>CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids</b>
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8.25	<b>ITV News.</b>
8.30	<b>Weekend.</b> Aled Jones is joined for a chat by Tony Blair's former Director of Communications Alastair Campbell, and Game of Thrones star Iain Glen. Plus, music by Elkie Brooks.
9.25	<b>The Home Game.</b> A Yorkshire couple hope to turn a profit with a bespoke oak garage, and in Surrey, an Italian designer looks to add value as well as style with a new garden office pod. (R)
10.20	<b>Griff's Great Britain.</b> Griff Rhys Jones explores types of British terrain, beginning in the South Downs. (R)
10.50	<b>Britain's Got Talent Final.</b> Ant and Dec host the climax of this year's nationwide talent search, with viewers casting their votes to decide which of the acts will be this year's champion. (R)
1.20	<b>ITV News and Weather;</b> Weather.
1.30	<b>Live French Open Tennis.</b> John Inverdale presents coverage of the women's singles final on the 14th day's play at Roland Garros, which was won by Garbine Muguruza last year.
4.30	<b>World Cup Qualifier Live.</b> Scotland v England (Kick-off 5.00pm). Coverage of the Group F fixture, which takes place at Hampden Park, as the old rivals meet for the 114th time.
7.30	<b>ITV News Central;</b> Weather.
7.35	<b>ITV News and Weather.</b>
7.45	<b>The Voice Kids.</b> New series. Emma Willis presents the junior version of the talent contest, as coaches Will.i.am, Danny Jones and Pixie Lott give young would-be pop icons a chance at stardom.
9.15	<b>FILM: Horrible Bosses (2011).</b> Premiere. Three unhappy employees hate their bosses but cannot afford to quit their jobs – so decide to resort to murder. Comedy, starring Jason Bateman.
11.05	<b>ITV News and Weather;</b> Weather.
11.25	<b>World Cup Qualifier Highlights.</b> Scotland v England. Action from the Group F fixture, which took place at Hampden Park, as the old rivals met for the 114th time.
12.25	<b>Tipping Point.</b> Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz show, in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (R)
1.20	<b>Jackpot247.</b> Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	<b>Who's Doing the Dishes?</b> Former footballer Neil Ruddock hosts a dinner party for four guests who win a cash prize if they can guess his identity from cryptic culinary clues. Presented by Brian McFadden. (R)
3.50	<b>ITV Nightscreen.</b>

Channel 4	
6.20	<b>Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup.</b> Action from Snetterton.
6.45	<b>Motor Sport: Mini Challenge.</b> Round three from Snetterton.
7.15	<b>Swansea Triathlon.</b> Action from the second staging of the event.
7.40	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> (R)
8.05	<b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> (R)
8.30	<b>Frasier.</b> Niles suspects Frasier of coveting his date. (R)
9.00	<b>Frasier.</b> The Crane brothers believe they may be descended from Russian royalty. (R)
9.30	<b>Frasier.</b> The shrink's obituary is published prematurely. (R)
10.00	<b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> (R)
10.25	<b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> One of Sheldon's favourite TV shows is cancelled. (R)
10.55	<b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> Leonard and Sheldon hire a former TV host to entertain them. (R)
11.25	<b>The Simpsons.</b> Marge has a nervous breakdown. (R)
11.55	<b>The Simpsons.</b> Mrs Krabappel looks for love. (R)
12.25	<b>The Simpsons.</b> Lisa falls in with a bad crowd. (R)
12.55	<b>Four in a Bed.</b> The competition gets underway at the Oak Tree Cottage in Burley, Hampshire. (R)
1.25	<b>Four in a Bed.</b> The second visit of the week is to Bath's The Rising Sun Inn. (R)
1.55	<b>Four in a Bed.</b> The third day takes place at the Busfield Arms in East Morton. (R)
2.30	<b>Four in a Bed.</b> The guests visit Beatles-themed Epstein House in Liverpool. (R)
3.00	<b>Four in a Bed.</b> The B&B owners meet for the final time to learn who won. (R)
3.30	<b>A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.</b> A couple search for a house in Florida's Sarasota Keys. (R)
4.35	<b>Big House, Little House.</b> Two couples with drastically different budgets create modern kitchen living areas.
5.35	<b>Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It.</b> Return of the head-to-head property show, beginning in Wiltshire. (R)
6.30	<b>Channel 4 News.</b>
7.00	<b>Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson.</b> Tony follows the Ridgeway from the Wiltshire Downs to the banks of the Thames. Along the way, he visits a world-famous stone circle and explores an ancient burial chamber. (R)
8.00	<b>FILM: Iron Man (2008).</b> An arms manufacturer invents a hi-tech suit of armour and uses it in the fight against evil around the world. Superhero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr and Jeff Bridges.
10.30	<b>Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.</b> Steve Jones presents action from Montreal, where the grid positions for the seventh round of the season were decided at the Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve.
12.00	<b>FILM: Horns (2013).</b> Horror, starring Daniel Radcliffe.
2.05	<b>Hollyoaks.</b>
4.05	<b>Ackley Bridge.</b> (R)
5.00	<b>Fifteen to One.</b> (R)
5.55	<b>3rd Rock from the Sun.</b> (R)

Channel 5	
6.00	<b>Milkshake!:</b> Milkshake! Monkey <b>6.05 The Mr Men Show</b> <b>6.15 Peppa Pig</b> <b>6.20 Peppa Pig</b> <b>6.25 Wissper</b> <b>6.35 Paw Patrol</b> <b>6.45 Bob the Builder</b> <b>6.55 Fireman Sam</b> <b>7.05 Oily the Little White Van</b> <b>7.10 Oily the Little White Van</b> <b>7.20 Paw Patrol</b> <b>7.40 Blaze and the Monster Machines</b> <b>8.05 Noddy: Toyland Detective</b> <b>8.20 Wissper</b> <b>8.35 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom</b> <b>8.45 Shimmer and Shine</b> <b>9.05 Little Princess</b> <b>9.20 Peppa Pig</b> <b>9.25 Peppa Pig</b> <b>9.35 Peppa Pig</b> <b>9.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom</b>
10.05	<b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.</b> (R)
10.40	<b>The Gadget Show.</b> (R)
11.35	<b>Police Interceptors.</b> (R)
12.35	<b>Police Interceptors.</b> Paul Jackson tries to stop a van driver who is causing havoc. (R)
1.30	<b>Police Interceptors.</b> The firearms team looks for two men seen in possession of a sawn-off shotgun. (R)
2.30	<b>FIA Formula E Live.</b> The first Berlin ePrix race.
4.15	<b>Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords.</b> Council officers investigate a residential home being used as a brothel. (R)
5.15	<b>The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.</b> A man whose hobby caused upset when he erected a 30ft radio mast. (R)
6.15	<b>The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.</b> A pensioner who fell out with his young neighbour over his loud parties, and two musicians who were not even at home when their neighbours claimed they were making too much noise. (R)
7.00	<b>Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.</b> Paul and Ben try to drill through the locks on a property to evict the residents, only to find to their surprise that the door has been modified with some special reinforced metal. (R)
8.00	<b>Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.</b> In Staffordshire agents try to collect nearly £2,500 in unpaid parking fines, while officers head to the West Midlands to recover £4,500 owed from a debtor to his former girlfriend. (R)
8.55	<b>5 News Weekend.</b>
9.00	<b>Big Brother.</b> Daily round-up of highlights, revealing the housemates' reactions to the first eviction, as well as arguments, laughs and diary room visits.
10.05	<b>Best of Bad TV: The 90s.</b> A look at the decade that brought many opportunities for eye-popping errors, including the ill-conceived TV sitcom Heil Honey I'm Home!, featuring a fictionalised Adolf Hitler. (R)
11.35	<b>Lib Sync Battle UK: Peter Andre vs Gino D'Acampo.</b> Melanie Brown and Professor Green present as reality star Peter Andre and presenter and Italian TV chef Gino D'Acampo go head to head lip-synching to hit songs. (R)
12.00	<b>SuperCasino.</b>
3.10	<b>FILM: Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (1997).</b> Spoof spy adventure, starring Mike Myers.
4.50	<b>House Doctor.</b> (R)
5.15	<b>Wildlife SOS.</b> (R)
5.40	<b>Angels of Jarm.</b> (R)
5.50	<b>Roary the Racing Car.</b> (R)



**Antiques Roadshow**

8pm

Fiona Bruce presents a second show from New Lanark on the banks of the Clyde, where items brought in to be valued include diamonds that were found after being hidden inside an upholstered chair, a claret jug that was rescued from a pawn shop, and a banner for Britain's oldest subscription library.

**The Life Swap Adventure**

8pm

A hunter from the Amazon rainforest trades places with a civil servant in London, as the adventure travelogue continues. Guyanese Lionel, who has lived as part of the self-sustaining Machousi tribe, learns that a life of comfort in the British capital comes at a cost that many are unable to afford.

**Vera**

7pm

DCI Stanhope and her team, including new recruit DC Hicham Cherradi, travel to a remote country house when the woman looking after it is killed. No sooner have they arrived, than a second body is discovered. Vera discovers the two victims met the night before their deaths.

**Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge**

8pm

This week, an ambitious treehouse design takes on a stylish tin-clad construction with a major trick up its sleeve. Will Hardie travels to Wales to visit a former barn that has been transformed into a charming waterside retreat.

**Agent Cody Banks**

10.40am

A junior secret agent begins his latest mission by starting at a new school and befriending a classmate with the intention of spying on her scientist father - but realises all the training in the world cannot help him with the tricky business of talking to girls. Family adventure, starring Frankie Muniz.

**BBC1**

- 6.00 Breakfast.**  
**9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.**  
**10.00 Sunday Politics West Midlands.** The week's events at Westminster. Including a regional round-up.  
**11.15 The Big Questions.** Nicky Campbell presents a moral and religious discussion from Harris Academy, Peckham, on the subject of whether interfering with genes is ethical.  
**12.15 Bargain Hunt.** A pair of sisters and two students select antiques to take to auction in Newark, Nottinghamshire, helped by experts Richard Madley and Catherine Southon. Tim Wonnacott presents. (R)  
**1.00 BBC News; Weather.**  
**1.15 Homes Under the Hammer.** Lucy Alexander, Martin Roberts and Dion Dublin explore a terrace in Telford, Shropshire, a flat in Gypsy Hill, London, and a former mill-worker's cottage in Farnington, Lancashire. (R)  
**2.15 Money for Nothing.** Sarah Moore's recycling mission takes her to Altrincham, Greater Manchester, where wallpaper designer Daniel Heath must use all his creativity to transform a set of rusty railings. (R)  
**3.00 Flog It!** A look at some of the best finds during the programme's visits to Edinburgh, Wallasey, Southwell and Dunster Castle, including a collection of war medals. (R)  
**4.00 Escape to the Country.** Helping a passionate horse enthusiast search for a rural respite. (R)  
**4.45 Points of View.** Viewers' comments.  
**5.00 Songs of Praise.** Radio 2 DJ Johnnie Walker and his wife discuss the difficulties of being a carer.  
**5.35 Eat Well for Less?** Gregg Wallace and Chris Bavin help the Rielly family lower their food bills, showing them effective ways to save money on their weekly shop. (R)  
**6.35 BBC News.**  
**6.50 Midlands Today; Weather.**  
**7.00 Countryfile.** In Northern Ireland, Joe Crowley helps members of the RSPB tag swifs in woodlands near Belfast, and Ellie Harrison visits sites associated with St Patrick on Church Island.  
**8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents a second show from New Lanark on the banks of the Clyde, where items brought in to be valued include diamonds that were hidden in an upholstered chair.  
**9.00 Poldark.** New series. The period drama returns as Ross tries to rebuild both Nampara and his relationship with Demelza, but Elizabeth's pregnancy casts a shadow over the pair's marriage.  
**10.00 BBC News.**  
**10.20 Midlands Today; Weather.**  
**10.30 FILM: Captain America: The Winter Soldier (2014).** The superhuman soldier battles a mysterious cyborg assassin as he uncovers a sinister conspiracy. Comic-book thriller sequel, starring Chris Evans.  
**12.35 Weather for the Week Ahead.**  
**12.40 BBC News.**

**BBC2**

- 6.15 The Instant Gardener.** A neglected backyard in Birmingham. (R)  
**7.05 Gardeners' World.** A look at the new RHS Chatsworth Flower Show. (R)  
**8.05 The Beechgrove Garden.** Jim McColl uses a flamethrower to clear his weeds.  
**8.35 Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison report from Essex. (R)  
**9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series.  
**11.00 Great British Menu.** The Welsh chefs prepare desserts. (R)  
**11.30 Great British Menu.** The two remaining Wales chefs compete. (R)  
**12.00 Sailing: America's Cup Highlights.** Action from the opening day of the challenger play-off finals.  
**1.00 Triathlon: World Championship Series - Leeds.** The ITU World Series meeting from Leeds.  
**6.00 The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway.** Engineer Linda Miller battles to rebuild a Victorian tunnel under the Royal Docks in the East End as part of the Crossrail train line linking east and west London. (R)  
**7.00 Dragons' Den.** The panel casts their eyes over plans for an innovative tool and a portable water-saving device - but a restaurateur struggles to get across his business plan. Evan Davis presents. (R)  
**8.00 The Life Swap Adventure.** A Guyanese hunter from a rural village in the Amazon rainforest trades places with a civil servant from London who is dreaming of escaping the relentless rat race.  
**9.00 Paul Hollywood's Big Continental Road Trip.** The Bake Off judge concludes his trip in France, where he tries to find out what makes the country tick when it comes to cars. Last in the series.  
**10.00 Mock the Week: Election Special.** Angela Barnes, Ed Gamble, James Acaster, Milton Jones and Tez Ilyas join Dara O Briain and Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)  
**10.30 White Gold.** When Vincent receives a visit from a tax inspector, he decides that now would be a good time to get out of the showroom and spend some more time with his family. (R)  
**11.00 Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy Highlights.** India v South Africa. Action from the Group B encounter at the Oval, as the one-day competition continued.  
**11.50 FILM: Kings of Curry (2013).** A woman planning her wedding wants both her father and her uncle to attend, so has to resolve their long-standing feud. Comedy, starring Amara Karan. In English and Hindi.  
**1.10 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison report from Essex, visiting a nature reserve for dragonflies. (R)  
**2.05 Sign Zone: Holby City.** Dominic and Sacha clash professionally, and with Jac and Jasmine at odds, Fran makes it her business to reunite them, with unsettling consequences. (R)  
**3.05 This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

**ITV**

- 6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids**  
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**8.10 Ben 10**  
**8.25 ITV News.**  
**8.30 Weekend.** With guests Larry Lamb and Tony Robinson.  
**9.25 Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury.** Julia heads to Loch Lomond. (R)  
**10.00 Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine.  
**11.00 Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)  
**11.55 The Voice Kids.** Junior version of the talent contest, presented by Emma Willis. (R)  
**1.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**  
**1.30 Live French Open Tennis.** John Inverdale presents coverage of the men's singles final on the 15th day's play at Roland Garros, where Novak Djokovic defeated Andy Murray in last year's showpiece match.  
**6.30 ITV News Central; Weather.**  
**6.45 ITV News and Weather.**  
**7.00 Vera.** DCI Stanhope investigates a murder at a remote country house, but no sooner does she arrive, than a second body is discovered and a connection starts to emerge between the victims. (R)  
**9.00 The Loch.** New series. The search for a serial killer sends a small community into shock and detective Annie Redford tries to cope with her first murder case. Drama, starring Laura Fraser.  
**10.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**  
**10.20 World Cup Qualifier Highlights.** Action from the latest round of qualifying fixtures, including Scotland v England, Serbia v Wales, Azerbaijan v Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland v Austria.  
**11.35 Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, featuring reports on the latest issues and interviews with topical guests. (R)  
**12.35 Lethal Weapon.** Cahill is targeted by a murderous stalker, Riggs begins to obsess over Murtaugh's past, while Roger and Trish locate their daughter's fake ID. Damon Wayans and Clayne Crawford star. (R)  
**1.30 Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.  
**3.00 Motorsport UK.** Richard John Neil presents action from Thruxton, featuring the Renault UK Clio Cup and the Ginetta Junior Championship. Commentary by Phil Glew and Paul O'Neill.  
**3.50 ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.  
**5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

**Channel 4**

- 6.20 3rd Rock from the Sun.** Dick goes on an archaeological dig. (R)  
**6.45 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Part two of three. Marie and Debra's feud continues. (R)  
**7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra and Ray reminisce. (R)  
**7.35 Frasier.** Frederick visits for Thanksgiving. (R)  
**8.00 Frasier.** Part one of two. A bout of back pain has unexpected consequences. (R)  
**8.30 Frasier.** Part two of two. Niles clashes with girlfriend Mel. (R)  
**8.55 Eating Well with Hemsley + Hemsley.** A slow-cooked chicken curry is paired with cauliflower rice for a warming supper.  
**9.30 Sunday Brunch.** With guests Tracy-Ann Oberman, Kimberley Walsh, John Thomson and John Barnes.  
**12.30 Eat the Week.** Simon Rimmer rises to the challenges of a family with ideas for one-pot wonders.  
**1.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** A campervan made of old CDs and vinyl records. (R)  
**2.30 FILM: The Devil Wears Prada (2006).** Comedy drama, starring Meryl Streep.  
**4.40 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** Jonnie Irwin helps a couple find a home in Phuket. (R)  
**5.40 Homes by the Sea.** Charlie Luxton explores residences in Sussex.  
**6.35 Channel 4 News.**  
**7.00 A Very British Hotel.** Behind the scenes at London's Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, located in the heart of Knightsbridge and one of the world's most exclusive hotels. (R)  
**8.00 Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge.** The competition to find the ultimate cabin in the wild concludes as a treehouse design takes on a stylish tin-clad construction for a place in the grand finale. Last in the series.  
**9.00 The Handmaid's Tale.** Offred accompanies Serena Joy on a visit to see Offwarren's baby, and is later interrogated by an Eye and Aunt Lydia about her knowledge of Ofglen. Elisabeth Moss stars.  
**10.15 Formula 1: Hamilton Vs Vettel.** A look at the rivalry between Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel, two multiple champions who already appear destined to challenge for the title again this season.  
**10.30 Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix Highlights.** Action from the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal. Lewis Hamilton was looking for his third successive victory in this race and sixth overall.  
**12.35 Grand Prix: The Killer Years.** The dangers of Formula One during the 1960s and 70s. (R)  
**1.35 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA.** (R)  
**2.25 Location, Location, Location.** (R)  
**3.20 KOTV Boxing Weekly.**  
**3.45 Gillette World Sport.**  
**4.10 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb.**  
**5.05 Fifteen to One.** (R)

**Channel 5**

- 6.00 Milkshake!:** Milkshake! Monkey **6.05 Mr Men** **6.15 Milkshake! Bop Box** **6.20 Peppa Pig** **6.25 Peppa Pig** **6.30 Wiggles** **6.35 Paw Patrol** **6.50 Bob the Builder** **7.00 Fireman Sam** **7.10 Olly the Little White Van** **7.15 Olly the Little White Van** **7.20 Paw Patrol** **7.35 Blaze and the Monster Machines** **8.00 Noddy: Toyland Detective** **8.15 Wiggles** **8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom** **8.45 Shimmer and Shine** **9.05 Little Princess** **9.20 Peppa Pig** **9.35 Peppa Pig** **9.45 Peppa Pig** **9.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom**  
**10.05 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The Fugitoid reveals his terrible secret. (R)  
**10.40 FILM: Agent Cody Banks (2003).** Family spy adventure, starring Frankie Muniz.  
**12.40 Police Interceptors.** Damo deploys a stinger in a bid to stop a drunk driver. (R)  
**1.35 Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits 2.** A reckless car thief seems intent on causing carnage. (R)  
**2.30 FIA Formula E Live.** The second Berlin ePrix race.  
**4.15 FILM: Footloose (1984).** Drama, starring Kevin Bacon.  
**6.25 FILM: Dirty Dancing (2017).** Premiere. Musical remake of the romantic drama, starring Abigail Breslin as a teenager drawn into a controversial romance with the dance instructor at a holiday camp in the 1960s. Edited for sexual content.  
**8.55 5 News Weekend.**  
**9.00 Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.  
**10.00 FILM: Friends with Kids (2011).** Premiere. Two single friends decide to have a baby together, while continuing to date other people. Comedy, directed by and starring Jennifer Westfeldt. With Adam Scott. Includes 5 News Update at 11.00pm.  
**12.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** In Staffordshire agents try to collect nearly £2,500 in unpaid parking fines, while officers head to the West Midlands to recover £4,500 owed from a debtor to his former girlfriend. (R)  
**1.05 SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.  
**3.10 FILM: Fighter Attack (1953).** An American pilot shot down over Italy receives help from partisans in finding his friend and getting back to base. Second World War drama, with Sterling Hayden and J Carrol Naish.  
**4.35 Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.  
**4.50 House Doctor.** Ann Maurice and Alistair Appleton head for Milton Keynes, where they help a couple desperate to sell their home and move to France. (R)  
**5.15 Wildlife SOS.** The work of volunteers at an animal sanctuary. (R)  
**5.40 Angels of Jarm.** Penny does not listen to the teachers' advice. (R)  
**5.50 Roary the Racing Car.** Roary lands himself in trouble. (R)



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# Renault breathes new life into Captur

By Jack Evans

The Captur was Europe's best-selling urban crossover in 2016 with 215,670 units sold, which makes it a crucial model for Renault. As such, the French manufacturer has breathed new life into the distinctive-looking car to further increase its appeal, adding touches such as LED running lights and a wider choice of alloy wheels, as well as new skid plates to highlight its 'go anywhere' looks.

Overall, the changes are subtle but bring the car's looks closer into line with those of the current Kadjar and upcoming Koleos. However, you'll find no changes to the engine line-up here, with the familiar 1.2-litre petrol and 1.5-litre diesel units making up the range.

The current crop of crossovers are quirky-looking vehicles, and the Captur is no different. You'll have to look closely to notice the difference between this latest car and the one it replaces, but try hard and you'll notice C-shaped LED daytime running lights at the front and updated LED light units at the rear. As previously mentioned, new skidplates now feature at the front and back of the Captur, and there's a great variety of colours to pick from, too.

Inside, the changes are similarly subtle. A fixed glass sunroof is now available on cars in Dynamique S trim levels and above, while higher-quality plastics have been used on larger areas such as the dashboard. Top-end spec cars get a leather-trimmed steering wheel, too. These changes do make the difference, as the cabin feels distinctly more premium than that found in the previous



At the rear there are updated LED lights

generation – but the effect is not what we'd call groundbreaking.

The Captur remains an impressively spacious car. The front seats offer plenty of shoulder room, while those in the back are equally well catered for. Thanks to large windows, it also feels quite airy, though darker coloured upholstery does somewhat go against this.

There's 377 litres of boot space, and this is aided by plenty of in-car storage too. Deep door bins are ideal for water bottles, while cupholders in the centre of the car's cabin are equally as useful.

The Captur delivers a surprisingly involving drive. The 1.2-litre petrol engine fitted to our test car was nippy and ideal for urban driving, but you need to work the gearbox to make consistent progress. However, that gearbox doesn't have the most pleasant of actions, and lacks the accuracy that you'll find in competitors' 'boxes. The ride isn't too firm, and deals with lumps and bumps in the road well.



There are C-shaped LED daytime running lights at the front

The Captur's steering is very light, but this makes it well suited to urban driving as it allows for quick changes of direction and immediate turns.

Our test car came in at £19,095 and featured a full infotainment system, air conditioning and a multifunction steering wheel. The car's interior plastics have been heavily reworked, and because of this feel far more high-end

than those found in the previous car. That said, those materials lower down the cabin aren't as good, and are now more noticeable because of the soft-touch plastics used on the dashboard.

The infotainment system lacks the precision that is found in rival systems, and the satellite navigation can be slow to adjust. However, the Bose stereo fitted to our car was impressive,

and produced a premium sound.

The Captur is ideal for those people who want economical, low-frills motoring at a competitive price. This facelift has been a rather light one, but the changes that have been made only help to add to the Captur's appeal. However, it has a tough fight on its hands to deal with competition from the likes of the Toyota CH-R or Citroen C4 Cactus.

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Philip Porter came up with the road trip idea

## Jaguar XK Club on road for charity

The owners of more than 100 Jaguar XKs are planning to drive along Britain's 3,500 miles of coastal roads in support of the Prostate Cancer UK charity.

From the start line at the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu on June 12, four cars will travel the entire route with other drivers joining them in convoy during the 18-day event.

The road trip was the brain child of author Philip Porter, who came up with the idea while recovering from prostate cancer.

The Jaguar XK Club, which has helped organise the event, says it has taken 289 stage bookings so far, with owners from the USA and Holland getting involved.

Porter said: "Having done the entire drive in my Italian Job E-type in 2016, I can tell you 90 per cent of the driving is superb, with some utterly breathtaking days.

"This is a fabulous way to see the best of Britain and use your car for a very worthy cause. One man in the UK dies every 45 minutes from prostate cancer.

"It is crucial we raise awareness to save lives."

The Jaguar XK120 was launched in 1948 at the Earls Court Motor Show. The name came from its 120mph top speed, which made it the fastest car in the world at the time.

Many celebrities bought one including American film star Clark Gable, while it became a motorsport legend in the hands of Stirling Moss in the 50s.

# Jeep's Wrangler offers old-school charm in buckets

By Jack Evans

The Jeep Wrangler is somewhat a law unto itself. Now the Land Rover Defender isn't around, it remains the last bastion of no-frills off-roading. With iconic looks, rudimentary mechanicals and just two engines to choose from, the Wrangler certainly isn't what you'd call plush – but it has a charm to it unlike other cars on sale today.

In terms of what's new, the 75th Anniversary car that we have here receives a wider range of exterior colours, as well as bronze-finish interior accents. There's also brown leather seats and a 6.52-colour touchscreen housing media functions.

There's no denying that the Wrangler has a huge amount of presence on the road. It's a big car, and the large tyres and chunky bumpers help accentuate its overall size. In 'Serge Green', it's hard to miss the Wrangler's military roots – and it's unlikely that passers-by will miss them, either. It's definitely not a car for those who want to draw little attention to themselves – but extroverts will no doubt love the way it looks.

Inside, the Wrangler's rough-and-ready approach is extended. The plastics used are very scratchy, but everything feels solidly built – if a little outdated. The infotainment screen, for instance, is behind those found in modern superminis and it's relatively fiddly to operate, too.

Given its size, you'd expect there to be plenty of space inside the Wrangler.



The Jeep Wrangler uses an iconic design, both in terms of visuals and mechanics

However, this really isn't the case, as the cabin feels surprisingly cramped and the rear seats don't offer the acres of room that you'd reckon they would.

The car's 498-litre boot is easy to access thanks to a rear door which opens widely, and its square shape does make it ideal for larger items like suitcases. It's worth noting that if you opt for the two-door model, this boot size shrinks to just 142 litres. Driving the Wrangler is a mixture of the

very good and very bad. The engine, for instance, has plenty of grunt and never feels underpowered yet the five-speed automatic gearbox struggles at times, hanging on to cogs when it isn't needed.

The ride is very soft – and is so to make the car good off-road – but because of this there's huge amounts of body roll. Cornering, therefore, isn't something that is particularly enjoyable in the Wrangler and you tend to take them much slower than

you would in an ordinary car.

Parking the Wrangler is quite the event, too. There aren't any parking aids – sensors nor a camera – which is something you'd expect to see on a car of this size and price. However, the car's square size does mean that it's easier to position than you'd think, while its large tyres ensure that it's tricky to kerb the car's alloys.

Our Jeep Wrangler came in at £36,520. For that, you get cruise control, electronic stability control and a multifunction steering wheel.

A tyre pressure monitoring display is also fitted as standard, as well as that previously mentioned infotainment system. In fairness, it does provide Bluetooth connectivity, allowing you to play music from your smartphone through the car's stereo, which provides a decent enough sound.

Yes, at nearly £40,000 the Wrangler is quite a lot of money. There are cars on sale today that would be a lot more comfortable and efficient, but the truth is that those who can get over the Jeep's foibles will love it for the sheer amount of character it offers.

The Wrangler is ideal for those who want a huge amount of off-road capability wrapped up in an iconic package. It isn't particularly refined or economical, but its level of charm is hard to ignore.

Take away the car's fuel economy, and it wouldn't be too much of a stretch to live with the Wrangler day-to-day – as long as you don't have to park it in small spaces too often, that is.



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## Vauxhall offers grand deal to young drivers



Get on the road with help from Vauxhall

Vauxhall is helping young drivers (aged 18-24) cover the initial cost of getting on the road, with a £1,000 (including VAT) insurance contribution when they buy a Corsa Limited Edition by the end of June.

Young drivers can combine the insurance contribution with one of Vauxhall's great finance offers, helping to make the cost of motoring more affordable. With a variety of competitive offers to choose from, including Personal Contract Payment plans, the Corsa is a fantastic option to get young drivers on the road.

The Corsa Limited Edition is ideally suited as a first car, with a host of features that make the model stand out from the crowd. On the outside, 17-inch black alloy wheels, front lower spoiler, side sills, VXR-style roof spoiler and a chrome-effect exhaust give the model an imposing road presence, while sports suspension and LED daytime running lights enhance performance and driver visibility.

Inside, the Corsa Limited Edition offers exceptional comfort and connectivity. Sports-style front seats, VX-Line interior pack (VX-Line leather covered flat-bottom steering wheel, VX-Line leather covered gear knob and handbrake lever), air conditioning and tinted rear windows give all occupants extra comfort. Vauxhall's latest generation IntelliLink system with smartphone integration and audio streaming keeps the driver connected and able to change the journey playlist to suit, when it's safe to do so.

"We are all aware of the high insurance premiums faced by young drivers, so to help young drivers get on the road Vauxhall has introduced a £1,000 insurance contribution programme," said Leon Caruso, Vauxhall's Retail Sales Director. "The Corsa Limited Edition is a great choice as a first or second car, with dynamic design features and superb connectivity, all backed up by excellent safety equipment."



## Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League

### First Teams

P	W	D	L	A	P
Shrewsbury	6	5	0	1	0
Berkswell	6	4	1	1	0
Knowle & D.	6	4	1	0	0
Omberley	6	4	0	2	0
WB Dartmouth	6	3	0	3	0
Walsall	6	3	0	3	0
Knights W	6	3	0	3	0
Dorridge	6	2	0	4	0
Barn Green	6	2	0	4	0
Wolverhampton	6	1	3	4	0
Kirbyminster	6	1	0	4	1
Brockhampton	6	1	0	4	2

### Division One

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Shifnal	6	4	0	2	0	94
Actonwood Bank	6	4	0	2	0	92
Smethwick	6	4	0	1	0	90
Tamworth	6	3	0	2	0	88
Himley	6	3	0	2	0	87
Mosley	6	3	0	2	0	79
Barnards Green	6	3	0	3	0	69
Walsley	6	2	0	3	0	64
Brighthelm	6	2	0	4	0	54
Wellington	6	1	1	4	0	53
Leamington	6	1	1	4	0	47
Attok	6	1	0	4	1	45

### Division Two

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Oswestry	6	6	0	0	0	124
Wombourne	6	4	0	2	0	94
Fordhouses	6	4	0	2	0	86
Pershore	6	3	0	3	0	82
Coventry & NW	6	3	1	2	0	73
Old Elizabethans	6	2	1	3	0	71
CSR Hawks	6	2	0	4	0	69
Halesowen	6	2	0	4	0	61
Harborne	6	2	0	4	0	57
Penkridge	6	2	0	4	0	57
Stout Goldfield	6	1	3	3	0	51
Old Hill	6	1	0	4	1	44

### Division Three

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Newport	6	5	0	1	0	105
Actonwood Bank	6	4	0	2	0	90
Sentinel	6	4	0	2	0	89
Lichfield	6	3	1	2	0	79
Stourbridge	6	3	1	2	0	79
Bournehead	6	3	1	2	0	76
Brewold	6	3	0	3	0	75
Streely	6	2	0	3	0	64
Worce Nomads	6	2	0	4	0	61
Handsworth	6	1	4	1	0	51
Nuneaton	6	0	5	0	1	25

### Second Teams Premier Division

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Knights W	6	4	0	1	0	97
Wolverhampton	6	4	0	1	0	94
Walsley	6	4	0	1	0	92
Barn Green	6	3	1	2	0	89
Mosley	6	3	1	2	0	83
Knights W	6	3	1	2	0	75
Knowle & D.	6	3	0	2	0	73
Hammerley	6	3	0	2	0	73
Himley	6	1	0	4	0	53
Actonwood Bank	6	1	0	4	0	49
Halesowen	6	1	3	0	1	46
Brockhampton	6	1	3	0	1	45

### Division One

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Omberley	6	4	1	0	0	98
Berkswell	6	4	0	1	0	92
Barn Green	6	3	0	3	0	89
Attok	6	3	0	1	0	70
WB Dartmouth	6	3	0	2	0	66
Old Elizabethans	6	2	0	3	0	60
Bromsgrove	6	2	0	3	0	60
Kidderminster	6	2	0	3	0	58
Coventry & NW	6	2	0	3	0	57
5 Smithies	6	2	0	3	0	53
Tamworth	5	1	0	4	0	44
Walsall	5	1	0	4	0	38

### Division Two North

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Shrewsbury	6	5	0	1	0	124
Oswestry	6	3	2	1	0	96
Fordhouses	6	4	0	2	0	94
Penkridge	6	3	0	3	0	87
Brighthelm	6	3	0	3	0	82
Brewold	6	3	0	3	0	73
Newport	6	3	0	3	0	72
Milford Hall	6	2	1	3	0	62
Wellington	6	1	2	3	0	62
CSR Hawks	6	2	0	3	0	61
Stout Goldfield	6	2	0	4	0	60
Quatt	6	1	3	0	1	29

### Division Two South

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Wombourne	6	5	0	0	0	111
Nuneaton	6	5	0	1	0	109
Old Hill	6	4	0	1	0	99
Strat-upon-Avon	6	3	0	2	0	77
Dorridge	6	2	1	2	0	75
Pershore	6	3	0	3	0	69
Shedfield	6	2	0	3	0	62
Stout Goldfield	6	2	0	3	0	60
Handsworth	6	2	0	3	0	57
Worce Nomads	6	2	0	3	0	56
Madley	6	1	3	0	1	36
Quatt	6	0	5	0	0	24

### Shropshire County Cricket League

#### Premier Division

P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Whitchurch	6	5	0	0	132
Worfield	6	5	0	0	128
Ludlow	6	3	2	1	96
Brosley	6	3	1	2	87
Wem	6	3	0	2	80
Haywards	6	2	0	2	80
Newtown	6	3	0	3	77
Knights W	6	3	0	3	65
St Georges	6	2	0	3	53
Frankton	6	1	2	3	52
Albrighton	6	0	6	0	17

#### Division 2

P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Bornere Heath	6	5	0	1	124
Cound	6	4	0	2	97
Conover	6	4	0	2	97
Knockin & K.	6	2	2	2	82
Beacon	6	3	0	3	81
Wellpool	6	2	1	3	81
Albrighton	6	2	1	3	79
Wroxeter Grove	6	2	0	3	63
Montgomery	6	1	0	4	56
Lorton	6	0	6	0	27

#### Division 2

P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Portesbury	6	5	1	0	123
Alcote	6	4	1	0	119
Shifnal	6	4	0	2	106
Ellesmere	6	4	1	1	103
Whitton Aston	6	2	2	2	82
Chace-Wye	6	2	1	3	80
Walsley	6	2	1	3	60
Shrewsbury	6	1	1	3	56
Wellington	6	0	3	3	52
Barnetree & S.	6	0	5	0	50
Bishops Castle	6	1	1	4	47
Church Aston	6	0	2	4	29

### Division 3

P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Cae Glas	6	5	0	1	114
Harpers	6	4	1	1	104
Hodnet P&T	6	3	2	1	99
Iscoyd & FB	6	3	1	2	92
St Georges	6	3	0	3	88
Ludlow	6	2	0	3	82
Calverhall	6	2	1	3	81
Chelmarsh	6	2	2	2	69
Trysil & S	6	2	1	3	68
Welsh Wenlock	6	2	1	3	68
Conor Reynold	6	1	1	4	51
Corvedale	6	1	0	5	44

### Division 4

P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Brighthelm	6	4	0	1	96
Overton-on-D	6	3	0	3	94
Guilsfield	6	4	1	1	93
Alcote	6	2	1	2	85
Knockin & K.	6	2	1	2	75
Quayside	6	2	1	3	69
Coton Hall	6	2	0	2	62
Llanidloes	6	1	1	3	57
Wroxeter Grove	6	1	1	3	53
Oswestry	6	1	0	3	51
Harcourt	6	1	2	3	31

### Second Teams

#### Division 1

P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Worfield	6	6	0	0	141
Wem	6	5	1	0	111
Frankton	6	4	0	1	95
St Georges	6	2	3	1	89
Wroxeter Grove	6	2	1	3	71
Whitchurch	6	2	0	4	69
Knockin & K.	6	2	0	4	67
Shelton	6	2	2	2	64
Alberbury	6	1	2	2	60
Madley	6	2	0	4	58
Cound	6	1	1	4	40
Quatt	6	0	1	4	38

#### Division 2

P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Market Drayton	6	4	1	1	112
Montgomery	6	4	1	1	112
Beacon	6	4	1	1	106
Shifnal	6	3	2	1	103
Wellington	6	3	1	2	90
Lilleshall	6	3	1	2	93
Willey	6	3	1	2	84
Bornere Heath	6	2	2	2	81
Brosley	6	2	1	3	78
Ludlow	6	1	3	2	69
Albrighton	6	2	1	3	58
Portesbury	6	1	2	3	55
Newtown	6	1	2	3	55
Conover	6	1	2	3	40
Iscoyd & FB	6	1	1	4	37
Iscoyd & FB	6	0	1	5	14

#### Division 3

P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Acton Reynold	6	3	3	0	99
Beacon	6	3	1	2	91
Cae Glas	6	3	1	1	87
Much Wenlock	6	3	1	1	87
Lilleshall	6	2	1	2	73
Ellesmere	6	2	1	2	73
Maddocks A	6	2	2	2	58
Wellpool	6	1	1	3	57
Alcote	6	1	2	3	53
Bishops Castle	6	2	0	4	40
Corvedale	6	0	1	4	25

#### Sunday Division 1

P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Wem	6	4	1	0	118
Knockin & K.	6	5	1	0	117
Newport	6	4	1	0	112
Bromsgrove	6	3	1	2	90
Frankton	6	3	2	1	82
Alberbury	6	2	2	2	81
Cound	6	2	1	3	75
Wellington	6	2	1	3	65
Lilleshall	6	2	1	3	59
Whitchurch	6	1	1	4	58
Shifnal	6	1	1	4	50
Bornere Heath	6	0	6	0	13

#### Sunday Division 2

Sunday Division 2						
	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Ludlow .....	5	4	0	1		010
Mkt Drayton .....	5	3	0	2		0 7
Knockin & K.....	5	3	0	2		0 7
Oswestry .....	5	3	0	2		0 7
Portesbury .....	4	2	1	1		0 7
Wellington .....	5	2	0	3		0 5
Shrewsbury .....	5	2	1	2		0 4
Madley .....	4	1	0	3		0 3
Madley .....	4	1	0	3		0 3
Ridgworth .....	4	1	0	3		0 3



## On-a-roll Williams wins eight in a row

IN-FORM bowler Steve Williams continued his winning ways for Church A - but his efforts failed to prevent his side from being held 5-5 at home to Cynwyd A.

Williams reeled off his eighth successive victory when running out to a 21-9 victor to remain top of the averages in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division two.

Brian Canlett also prevailed 21-12 for Church who took the aggregate by 12 shots (154-142) to earn parity with the extra two points on offer.

ELLESMERE A are three points clear at the top of the second division after their 8-2 (156-113) home success against GEORGE, John Harrison a 21-13 winner to make it seven victories out of eight.

John Edwards chalked up a 21-0 whitewash while Mike Edwards won to 12 while George, who lie in the lower reaches of the table, responded through Bryan Hopkins (21-12) and Paul Kendrick (21-18).

WESTON RHYN A, who have dropped down to division two this season, boosted their hopes of a quick return after overcoming CHURCH B 8-2 at home, taking the shots by 30 (159-129).

Eric Gale (21-9) led the way as Rhyn moved joint second in the table, while Dave Smith and Glynys Jones notched the replies for the visitors to 15 and 18.

In mid-table, Ye Olde Crofte overcame visitors Criftings B 7-3, with just six shots (141-135) separating the sides. Russell Jones (21-9) was the best for the Crofte, with Dave Jones (21-6) replying for the Dudsonleath side.

LLANRHAEDR A are up to fifth after Steve Jones (21-6) and Mel Jones (21-9) helped their team brush aside Whittington B 9-1 (164-112).

### Results

**Division one:** Johnstown A 8 (158) Flexsys A 2 (118), Ruabon A 9 (167) Ceirio Valley A 1 (114), Criftings A 9 (160) Corwen A 1 (120), Whittington A 7 (151) Chirk A 3 (127), Llangollen A 6 (149) Llanymynech A 4 (137), Free: Johnstown B.

**Division two:** Ye Olde Crofte A 7 (141) Criftings B 3 (135), Church A 5 (154) Cynwyd A 5 (142), Llanrhaeadr A 9 (164) Whittington B 1 (112), Weston Rhy A 8 (159) Church B 2 (129), Llangyrog A 3 (132) Plas Kynaston A 7 (137), Ellesmere A 8 (156) George 2 (113).

**Division three:** Ceirio Valley B 6 (154) Johnstown C 4 (126), Llangollen B 7 (153) Black Lion 3 (121), Johnstown D 7 (140) Ellesmere B 3 (129), Fox Lane 6 (146) Chirk B 4 (123), Church B (153) Criftings 2 2 (116), Bersham 7 (149) Ceirio Valley C 3 (135).

**Division four:** Llanfyllin A 8 (159) Whittington E 2 (110), Llanrhaeadr C 8 (156) Cynwyd B 2 (139), Overton B 5 (138) Llanymynech B 5 (131), Plas Kynaston B 5 (140) Llanrhaeadr D 5 (143), Ifron 7 (141) Weston Rhy C 3 (124).

## Ifon edge win as they climb table

IFTON were made to battle all the way before edging out visiting Hanwood 8-6 as they look to climb the Salop Leisure Shropshire Premier Bowls League.

It proved a closely fought affair, with just six shots (212-206) separating the teams as the St Martins side shaded the verdict to remain 10th in the table.

Leighton Roberts bounced back from a rare defeat the week before when producing his side's best result of the night when sweeping aside Russell Wellings 21-11 - his sixth victory in eight outings.

Brian Hayes was also a good winner when defeating Danny Cornell to 10, while Keiron Roberts saw off Ashley Wellings 21-11.

Darren Lacey prevailed 21-16, his seventh win in 10 appearances, while Ian Metcalfe (with his sixth victory of the campaign) and Geiraint Williams both took their games 21-17 to complete the list of six winners.

Martin Jones was narrowly edged out 21-20 at the hands of Nick Davies.

Fourth placed Hanwood were always in the hunt after having two single figure wins to eight, but Ifton did just enough to take the overall spoils courtesy of six shots.

St Martins are back on the road on Friday night with a trip to St Georges who lie just two places and three points above.

# Whittington bowled over by victory

WHITTINGTON A continue to make up ground in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division one after overcoming one of the early high fliers Chirk A.

Mel Morris led the way by winning to six and Andy Cawthray was a 21-8 victor as Whittington ran out 7-3 (151-127) winners against their second placed visitors.

After a slow start to the season, they have now won three and drawn another of their last four outings to move up to fifth in the table.

Newcomers LLANYMYNECH A picked up a creditable four winners from their 6-4 loss at early leaders Llangollen A, with just 12 shots (149-137)

separating the sides.

Mark Kirkham and Kieran Jones were the pick of the Llany bowlers with respective wins to 13 and 14.

CRIFTINS A walloped rock bottom Corwen A 9-1 (160-140), with Gary Wilkie's 21-11 win helping the Dudsonleath outfit up to sixth in the table.

Meanwhile, CHURCH C kept in touching distance of the leaders in division three after pulling off a fine 8-2 (153-116) over CRIFTINS C.

Sheila Drury (21-4) and Patrick Bennett (21-9) secured fine single figure wins as Church moved up to fourth, one point adrift to their Dudsonleath Heath visitors who responded through Ross Rogers and John Duison (both 21-16).

FOX LANE are one place behind in fifth after their hard-fought 6-4 (146-123) home success over Chirk B, Mike Haycocks leading the way to three as he made it six wins out of six.

BLACK LION are hovering just above the basement pack after their 7-3 (155-121) loss away to Llangollen C, Chris Hughes their best of the night with a 21-10 card.

IFTON are top of division four on shots following their 7-3 (141-124) victory over Weston Rhy C, Dave Jones and Roy Williams winning to eight and nine, Curtis Metcalfe (21-13) continued his fine form to reel off his eighth straight win, while Pam Manley responded 21-13 for Rhyn.

# Llanfair in cup joy after final flourish

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

LLANFAIR United lifted the Montgomeryshire Challenge Cup for a third season in a row after overcoming a spirited Llanrhaeadr 3-1 in an entertaining final at Llanfyllin.

In front of a bumper crowd, neither side could find a way through in a goalless first half, although both did have the ball in the net only to have their efforts ruled out for offside.

As the game continued end-to-end Llanfair made the breakthrough early in the second half when substitute Daniel Jones's left foot shot was parried by keeper Harri Matthews and James Davies pounced to put the rebound in the net.

Llanrhaeadr kept battling away and equalised in the 74th minute through a Glenn Evans header from a corner.

However, Llanfair were not to be denied, and regained the lead in the 83rd minute when Paul Griffiths played in Andrew Hughes who wrong footed the Llanr defence and finished well with his right foot.

And the trophy was sealed two minutes later as Hughes turned provider with a terrific cross for Davies to head home his second goal of the game and Llanfair's third.

### Golden boot

It was a terrific way for United to finish a tough season, but Llanrhaeadr - who also lost in the Spar Mid Wales League cup final - could take plenty of heart from their display in a closely fought final.

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Hot-shot Jason Oswell has left Welsh Premier club Newtown after agreeing terms with National League North side Stockport County.

Oswell scooped the Welsh Premier golden boot last season with a 22 goal haul that lifted Newtown off the foot of the table and into the play off semi finals.

He also bagged 18 goals in a successful first season which saw him help the Robins reach the Welsh Cup final, and win the play-off final.

The striker's finest hours came in the famous Europa League win over Valletta, scor-



Llanfair United's players celebrate retaining the Montgomeryshire Cup with a 3-1 win over Llanrhaeadr in the last minute winner in the home leg, and the opener in the away leg in Malta.

In total, he bagged 51 goals in 91 appearances for the Robins, and was the first player since Danny Barton in the mid 2000s to score double figures in three consecutive seasons.

Oswell admitted it was a tough decision to make, and boss Chris Hughes thanked the striker for his

valuable service in the last three years.

He said: "It is disappointing to lose Jason. He has been a fantastic player for us in recent years, and his goals have been so valuable.

"He will be a big miss for us. He has been a fantastic for myself and the club, but expressed desire to return to the English system. "We wish him all the best in his new venture."

# Record entry for Paragon Time Trials

CYCLING by John Bridgwater

to the plan we had beforehand and it was super smooth. "I'm pleased with the result."

The Mixed Team category wasn't without competition with four pairs riding and coming out on top was the Paramount CRT pairing of Ceris Eslava and Gary Duncan who posted a fabulous effort of 23.41 to move up to second in this series. The Nova Raiders pairing of Jenny Newton and Jane Chapman were the only ladies team but the lack of competition didn't see them simply amble around the course however as the pair set yet another personal best of 25.34.

Two Paragon teams took part with Adam Riley and Jack Morris taking eighth place in a time of 23.31 while brothers Justin and Darrell Walsh were 13th in 24.53.

The final record to fall was that for solo riders. Josh Williams may have taken the team record but he lost the solo one to Ryan Morley of RAF CC who knocked two seconds off the previous bench mark to cross the line in 20.19.

Morley was pushed hard by Matt Garthwaite of Rhino Velo RT who recorded 20.25 for second place, with Dyfan Evans of Fibrax-Wrexham third in 21.31.

Fastest junior was Ben Pierce of Mid Shropshire Wheelers who took eighth place overall in 23.22, while the fastest lady was also a junior with Ellie Russell of SportCity Velo finishing 12th in 24.26.

This week it was Neil Coles who came out on top in the competition to be fastest of the Paragon riders in a time of 24.07, with another personal best from Glyn Jones putting him just behind in 24.22.

Four other Paragon riders also finished on the 24-minute mark. Tom Richardson was the quickest of the three in a time of 24.27 with Jolyon Henry (24.38), Trevor Peate (24.39) and Rob Kerr (24.44) not far behind. Elizabeth Breeze increased her lead in the ladies series with a time of 30.29.

In view of the overnight road closures, the evening 10s will continue to have a 7pm start for the rest of the season.

## The latest returns from Shropshire golf clubs

### BRIDGNORTH

**Chronicle Cup Overall Winner:** Ben Cox. Division 1: Michael Phillips 44pts; Steve Russett 39pts; Glen Brown 35pts; Eddie Lawrence 37pts; Division 2: Ben Cox 41pts; Benard Yurk 36pts; Dennis Ashley 35pts; Division 3: Gary Jones 38pts; Paul Hughes 37pts; Neil Ridgway 37pts.

**Seniors' Men's Open (The Duke Trophy)** Division 55-64: Ian Rainford (Bridgnorth) 41; Alan Wilcox (South Staffs) 40; Tony Corkindale (Bridgnorth) 38; Bryan Hampton (Beau Desert) 37; Roger Crisp (Worcester G&CC) 37; Division 65-74: Mike Walker (Worfield) 43 (Duke Trophy Winner); Bob Lyle (Bridgnorth) 41; Robert Bosson (Bridgnorth) 38; Iain Seivewright (Bridgnorth) 38; Nicholas Lighting (Bridgnorth) 37; Division 75 plus: Harry Edmunds (Bridgnorth) 41; Gordon Taylor (Shrewsbury) 40; Peter Williams (Bridgnorth/Worfield) 39; Claude Chatter (Bridgnorth) 39.

**Nearest the pin (3rd):** Peter McGovern (Bridgnorth), 6th; Peter Hill (Bridgnorth), 16th; Alum Stoll (Bridgnorth), Longest Drive (11th): Steve Thomas (Druids Heath).

**Ladies' Medal 5 Winner:** Joy Foster 102-25=77; Medal 6 Silver: Angela Hinton 89-12=77; Bronze: Marilyn Radford 98-26=72; Runner-up: Judith Galsworthy 103-29=74.

**Medal 12 Winner:** Alison Grove 85-12=73. **Gilbert Blundell Rosebowl:** Alison Grove 84-12=72; Linda Turner 108-30=78; Stephanie Overton 95-14= 81.

**Stableford 8 Winner:** Stephanie Overton 33pts.

**Medal 7 Winner:** Val Collins 101-26 =75; Medal 8 Silver: Alison Grove 79-11 =68; Bronze - Margaret Thompson 93-22=71; Runner-up: Jing Reade 98-26=72.

### HENLLLE PARK

**Dave Salter 9 Hole Comp:** Pete Grimley 20pts; Ian Fort 19pts (cb); John Humphreys 19pts.

**John Osman Cup:** John Price & Ian Roberts 43pts; Michael A Jones & R Harris 42pts; A McFarlane & Terry Dodd 40pts.

**Dave Salter 9 Hole Comp:** Jack Harris 20pts; Tony Evans 19pts; Andy Harris 18pts.

**Henlle Park Invitation Day:** M Brand, M Shaw, D Thomas & L Jones 92pts; M Pugh-Jones, C Parry, D Lawlor & R Lawlor 87pts; I Williams, D Southwell, D S Jones & J Jones 84pts. Hole in 1: Stewart Page.

**Ladies' Stableford:** Anne-Marie Stott 34pts; Des Davies 28pts; Susan Sims 25pts.

**Ladies Day:** Lady Captain (Henlle), Lynda Whitworth (Fair Haven), Nicola Baker (Fair Haven), & Michaela Pugh-Jones (Henlle) 89pts; Sue Field, Sue Madders, Ann Mountford & Sara Bowden 94pts (cb) (The Shropshire); Kathy Evans (Henlle), Margaret Dunbar (Oswestry), Anne Belshaw (The Shropshire), Iain Robertson (The Shropshire) 94pts. Nearest the Pin (8th): Carol Johnson (Oswestry); Nearest the Pin (15th): Jill Andrews (Henlle).

**Seniors' Bowmaker:** Ralph Mazzarella, Paul Hampson & Stuart Hison 83pts; Roger Harris, Frank Thomas & Terry Gleave 82pts; Albert Davies, Russ Owens & Mike Aubrey 80pts.

### LLANYMYNECH

**Midweek League (9 Hole Stableford):** Nigel Kelton 22pts; Dave Collins 22; Adrian Jones 21; Alwyn Davies 20; Terry Williams 20; Tim Thomas 19; Phil Ellis 19; Andrew Gittins 19; Harry Barbour 19.

**Midweek League (9 Hole Stableford):** Gary Evans 25pts; Alan Lloyd 24; Luca Molin 23; Dave Jones 23; James Clewlow 22; Paul Rowney 22; Nathan Cooke 21; Nigel Kelton 21; Tom Worley 20; Jason Bailey 20; Mark Chorlton 20.

**Spring Open AMAM:** Russell Rice (Ullesthorpe), Tony Dermott (Oak Ridge, Nuneaton), Dan Brightmore (Northants County), Stephen Brightmore (Northants County) 50pts; Brian Turner (all, The Staffsfordshire), Pete Hutton, Jerry Humphreys, Paul Jackson 84pts; Kevin Johnson (all, Hagley), Brian Pearson, Bob Cook, David James 83pts.

**Ladies' Outing Cup (at The Shropshire):** Lady Captain 27pts; Ann Garbett 26pts (cb); Joan Brice 26pts.

**May Medal Division 1 Winner:** Anne Westman 73-5=68, Runner-up: Bev Cadwallader 88-13=75; Division 2 Winner: Sandra Griffiths 95-24=71, Runner-up: Ceri Broughall 97-25=72; Division 3 Winner: Annie Prince 110-35=75, Runner-up: Diana Chadwick 112-30=82.

**Marie Martin Best 9 Holes (either front or back) 9 Winner:** Anne Westman 32.50 (cb), Runner-up: Ceri Broughall 32.50.

### MARKET DRAYTON

**Ladies' May Medal 1 Division 1:** Jenny Wilson (18 81; Sue Cushing (14 82); Hilary Taylor (10 83); Marion Cunniff (10 84); Andy Venn (10 72); Sue Powell (25 74); Margaret Playfair (27 79); Division 3: Linda Lewis (36 79); Barbara Evans (33 81); Ally Addison (29 83).

**May 9-Hole Comp:** Ann Loader 32 pts. **Peggy Fox Trophy:** Ingrid Aiklen (32 34pts); Annette Watkins (20 33 pts; Bundy Yentole (22 32pts).

**May 9-Hole Comp 2:** Mary Lewis 33 pts. **Coronation Foursomes:** Joyce Barker & Rebecca Belcher 35pts; Ally Addison & Sue Powell 33pts; Heather Dickson & Lynn Ellerton 29pts.

**May 9-Hole Comp 3:** Hilary Brady 35pts. Elizabeth Pantouy; Annette Watkins (20 33pts; Bundy Yentole (22 31pts; Margaret Playfair (27 30 pts; Jane Sloan (17 30pts).

**Bronze Bowl:** Barbara Roberts (31 31pts; Ann Loader (36 28pts; Heather Wadkin (31 24pts).

**May 9-Hole Comp 4:** Sheila Johnson 30pts.

### OSWESTRY

**Ladies' Ritchie Salver Winner:** Margaret Dunbar 92-18=74.

**EG Medal Star Division:** Rachel Wigley 90-18=72; Margaret Dunbar 92-18=74 (cb); Jennifer Edwards 93-19=74; Bronze Division: Emma Hopton 96-21=75 (cb); Elsa Gwilt 99-24=75; Christine Smith 99-23=76.

**Upper Bronze:** Pamela McLean 108-32=76; Gill Griffiths 109-31=78; Eira Jones 109-30=79.

**Coronation Foursomes:** Jenny Edwards, Kath Jones 38pts; Ann Garbett, Geraldine Edge 35pts (cb); Jane Jones, Sarah Weaver 35pts (cb).

### SHREWSBURY

**Ladies' Bank Holiday Stableford:** Helen Davies 38pts; Jean Evans 38pts; Elizabeth Harding 35pts.

**Medal & 1922 Cup/Ladies Cup Division 1:** Carol Burgan 92-21=71 (cb); Chris Nash 92-1=71; Division 2: Margaret Dunbar 92-18=74; Division 2: Elaine Adams 96-23=73 (cb); Celia Russell 101-26=75; Ann Edgington 103-28=75; Division 3: Sheila Evans 99-30=69.

### THE BROW

**Club Championship - Gross Champion:** Karl Fairbank 79=37=116, Gross Runner-up: Garry Gregory 90=37=127.

**Nett Championship:** Peter Shore 66+32.5=98.5, Nett Runner-up: Peter Fairbank 71+36.5=107.5.



## Tennis side draw after winning the final point

OSWESTRY Tennis Club's men's second team had to settle for a share of the spoils in the Shropshire League 5N away to their Shrewsbury counterparts at Town Walls.

The first pairing of captain David Clough and Brett Hollywell managed to win both their rubbers, but not without a struggle, and needed the final point of a deciding third set tie break in both before claiming victory.

The second pair of Craig Southern and Nick Elliot fought gallantly in both their rubbers, but went down in straight sets. With honours even both sides received two points from the encounter, with the result maintaining Oswestry's positive start to the season.

Oswestry Ladies' third team ran out 3-1 winners when they played host to Hollies 3 in Division 6N.

In their first rubber, the Jo Dalietos and Nicki Hughes partnership were slow to form a cohesive strategy, and the Hollies defensive play ultimately won out in a straight sets victory 4-6 4-6.

### Challenging

In their second rubber, the Oswestry pair got off to a speedy start to take the first set 6-3, but Hollies fought back well to take the second 2-6 as the Oswestry ladies seemed to lose concentration.

In the deciding third set tie break Oswestry clinched the win 1-0 (10-3).

The other pair of Amanda Coxhead and Elizabeth Nelholme had a relatively easy win in their first rubber 6-2 6-4, but their second proved a bit more challenging.

In a close fought first set, they prevailed 7-5 before taking the second comprehensively 6-1.

This result gave Oswestry a 3-1 points win and, after two draws in their first two matches, they remain unbeaten so far this season.

## Frankton fail to stop the rot at Quatt

FRANKTON'S slide continued in the Henshalls Shropshire League premier division after suffering an emphatic 99-run loss at the hands of Quatt.

Opting to bat first at Hardwick Park, Quatt made the most of the conditions as they rattled up 277-2 in their 50 overs before dismissing the home side for 178. Defeat left Frankton second bottom in the table.

Opener Ricardo De Nobrega led the way for the visitors by cracking an unbeaten 137, featuring in a 217-run stand for the first wicket with Ryan Willetts who weighed in with 85. Stuart Lammie (2-43) picked up both wicket.

Scott Hale top scored with 72 in reply but, from being 94-2, the innings faltered to 178 all out in the 40th over; skipper Ian Whitticase with the next best contribution of 24 and last man Lammie chipping in with 16. Craig Jones picked up 5-36 for Quatt, with Frankton left with just four points.

It was a better day for **FRANKTON II** who swept aside their Quatt counterparts to maintain their healthy position in the 2nd XI League division one.

Put in to bat at the Quatt Oval, Tom Cockayne smashed an undefeated 130 and opener Dave Powell hit 75 as Frankton amassed 280-3 in 45 overs.

Quatt started positively in reply, with Dave Street making 85 and fellow opener Ian Biddle 74, but the innings fell away to 214 once they were separated.

# Mitchell makes merry with 155 runs

OPENING bat Jonathan Mitchell plundered a terrific century as Ellesmere underlined their credentials in the Henshalls Shropshire League division two with a dominant 139-run win against Shrewsbury III.

Mitchell powered his way to 155 as the Meresiders racked up 292-9 in their 45 overs, Felix Ashley also enjoying himself with 69 in a fine second wicket stand with his skipper.

Shrewsbury were always up against it in reply despite an unbeaten 62 from Harry Wassail as they were restricted to 153-5 - 139 runs adrift of their target.

**ELLESMERE II** consolidated mid-table in the 2nd XI League division three with a 27-run success

away to Shrewsbury club Beacon at Frankwell.

Troy Newton's 82 held the innings together as the Meresiders posted 161-8 in 40 overs, before two wickets apiece from Owen Washington, Bradley Chapman and Jason Wirdnamg saw Beacon sent back for 134.

**MONTGOMERY II** are neck-and-neck at the top of the 2nd XI League division two after storming to a crushing 134-run victory over Forton II.

Thomas Corfield started at the top of the order, smashing an unbeaten 103 as Monty posted 226-5 in 35 overs, fellow opener Richard Jones playing his part with 61.

The bowlers were soon among the wickets in Forton's reply, and skittled their opponents for just 92

despite an unbeaten 57 from skipper Jonathan Sisson.

Joe Haycock finished with 4-15 off seven overs, while Patrick Fletcher snapped up 3-6 from 6.5 overs.

**KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY II** edged to a thrilling one wicket win over Whitchurch II in the 2nd XI League division one.

Chasing 185 all out in 40 overs, they got home with eight balls to spare with the last pair at the crease, Jamie Birch top scoring on 37 and Thomas Dix making 33.

The club's first team also had a narrow victory in division one, edging to a two wicket success over Forton.

# Fabulous Fynn leads way with a century

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

**WARRICK Fynn continued his dream start to the season with a third century as Oswestry maintained their 100 per cent winning record in the Birmingham League division two with victory over Old Elizabethans.**

The all rounder hit 105, to follow previous tons of 107 and 132 as well as three half centuries, to take his average to a stunning 115.8 as the early leaders reeled off a sixth successive win.

A first five-wicket haul for the club by Pakistani pace ace Sadaf Hussain then helped clinch a 31-run victory over a strong Old Elizabethans side in front of a big Morda Road crowd. Oswestry are now 30 points clear at the top of the second division table in their best ever start to the season.

After the hosts had opted to bat first on winning the toss, Fynn scored 105 to take his seasonal tally to 579 - a massive 212 runs more than any other batsman in the Birmingham League.

And he received good support from skipper Robbie Clarke, whose batting is hitting new heights as he settles into the captaincy.

Clarke's 62 included four huge sixes, and with Alex Ramsay (37) and Alun Morris (23) weighing in towards the end of the innings, Oswestry closed on 250-5 from their 55 overs.

Ian Davies took an early wicket when their Worcestershire visitors replied, before Hussain took centre stage.

The 6ft 5in left-armer trapped Richard Gardiner lbw, had OE's skipper Jamie Boyle caught by Alun Morris, and then dismissed danger man Atiq Ur Rehman first ball as the visitors slipped to 78-4.

Jack Myers and James Padden then shared a century partnership, and while they were at the wicket a shock away victory looked on the cards.

But Mark Robinson ended the stand by having Padden caught by Morris, and the in-form spinner went on to pick up three more wickets and finish with 4-52.

Hussain returned to the attack to clean bowl the last two OE's tail-enders, and Oswestry were home and dry. Myers was still there at the end on 76 not out, and Hussain's final figures were 5-71.

Oswestry are at home again this Saturday when they face Coventry and North Warwickshire. The game starts at midday, entry is free and another big crowd is expected.

**OSWESTRY II** shared the spoils in a thrilling tie at their Milford Hall counterparts in the Birmingham League 2nd XI second division (north).

Fine bowling by youngsters Sam Davies (4-65) and Alex Selby (3-36) had Milford Hall in trouble

## Footballers take to the greens



SOME 112 players took to the course as FC Oswestry Town staged an open golf day at Oswestry GC to raise funds for

the club. The event was won by a team from Llanyrnnech Golf Club. ■ Pictured: The winning quartet

from Llanyrnnech Golf Club (from left) Gordon Jones, Mav Done, Ian Rodger and Jim Logsdaill

at 122-7, but they rallied to finish on 250-9 from their 50 overs.

Excellent batting by Mike O'Reilly (85), James O'Reilly (48no), Steve Humphreys (42) and Darron Humphreys (21) got the Oswestry reply off to a great start, but a run-out off the last ball of the match saw them all out for 250.

An unbeaten 44 by Scott Valley on his seasonal debut couldn't save **OSWESTRY III** from a six-wicket defeat against Bridgnorth III in the Shropshire League division four at Oswestry School.

Valley was the only Oswestry batsman to look com-

fortable as they struggled to 109-7 from their 40 overs. Adam Lloyd (3-26) took three quick wickets when Bridgnorth replied, but Ben Taylor (41no) steered them to 110-4 in the 29th over.

**OSWESTRY IV** proved too strong for Market Drayton III at Morda Road in the Shropshire Sunday League division two, running out winners by five wickets.

Market Drayton were bowled out for 90. A hat-trick by 15-year-old Cameron Wilcox - all bowled - had the Oswestry reply in some trouble, but they got 94-5 without further mishap.

## Weekend's Shropshire Cricket Lge fixture list

### Saturday

#### Premier Division

Broseley v Frankton; Quatt v Wern; Market Drayton v Madeley; Altrington v Newtown; Worfield v Whitchurch; St Georges v Ludlow.

#### Division One

Knockin & Kinnerley v Welshpool; Montgomery v Bomere Heath; Wroxeter Grove v Lillieshall; Shelton v Albury; Beacon v Forton; Condober v Cound.

#### Division Two

Church Aston v Wellington 3; Allscott v Prees; Willey v Church Stretton; Bishop's Castle v Ellesmere; Shrewsbury 3 v Wheaton Aston; Shifnal 3 v Pontesbury.

#### Division Three

St Georges 3 v Iscoyd & Fenns Bank; Chelmarsh v Cae Glas; Acton Reynald v Corvedale; Ludlow 3 v Calverhall; Hodnet, Peplow & Tibberton v Trysull & Seisdon; Much Wenlock v Harpers.

#### Division Four

Overton on Dee v Oswestry 3; Bridgnorth 3 v Wroxeter Grove 3; Hinstock v Coton Hall; Llanidies v Allscott 2; Guilsfield v Harcourt.

#### Second Teams

#### Division One

Madeley 2 v Wroxeter Grove 2; Wern 2 v Quatt 2; Frankton 2 v Knockin & Kinnerley 2; Whitchurch 2 v Worfield 2; Albury 2 v Shelton 2; Cound 2 v St Georges 2.

#### Division Two

Bomere Heath 2 v Market Drayton 2; Ludlow 2 v Condober 2; Newtown 2 v Montgomery 2; Iscoyd & Fenns Bank 2 v Beacon 2; Pontesbury 2 v Altrington 2; Lillieshall 2 v Willey 2; Wellington 4 v Broseley 2; Forton 2 v Shifnal 4.

#### Division Three

Allscott 3 v Much Wenlock 2; Cae Glas 2 v Quatt 3; Corvedale 2 v Acton Reynald 2; Ellesmere 2 v Bishop's Castle 2; Lillieshall 4 v Beacon 3; Welshpool 2 v St Georges 4.

### Sunday

#### Division One

Wern 3 v Frankton 3; Worfield 3 v Sentinel 3; Wellington 5 v Newport 3; Albury 3 v Whitchurch 3; Lillieshall 3 v Cound 3; Bomere Heath 3 v Knockin & Kinnerley 3.

#### Division Two

Madeley 3 v Wellington 6; Knockin & Kinnerley 4 v Pontesbury 3; Bridgnorth 4 v Shrewsbury 4; Market Drayton 3 v Madeley 4; Oswestry 4 v Ludlow 4.

## Guils enjoy impressive win on road

GUILDSFIELD maintained their early challenge in the Shropshire League division four with a 68-run success away to Coton Hall.

Put in to bat, Guilsfield rattled up 181 all out in 27.1 overs, opener Sam Griffiths continuing his excellent form with 92, including 15 fours and three sixes.

While Griffiths dominated the innings with the bat, 42 extras also helped swell the total, while Edward Logan picked up 4-32 for the home side.

In reply, Coton Hall started well enough but fell away to 113 all out as Griffiths completed a fine all round game with 3-29.

Sam Birch also claimed 3-29, while there were also brace of wickets apiece for Chris Proctor and Rhodri Davies.

Patrick McCennett was left unbeaten on 38 for the home side as Guilsfield claimed 24 points to cement their top three position.

## Weather has last word on Powys derby

WET WEATHER put a dampener on Welshpool's Powys derby with Montgomery in the Shropshire Cricket League division one.

Put in to bat, Pool were toiling on 51-4 after 22 overs, opener Paul Chapman unbeaten on 21 while Edward Bennett took 2-27 from nine overs.

The heavens then opened, with no more play at Maesdyrd with the game abandoned, Monty finishing with seven points and Pool five

It was a frustrating outcome for both sides who, having been promoted to the first division this season, were chasing points for differing reasons.

Lying sixth in the table, Welshpool were looking to stay in sight of the leading pack and Montgomery are battling to climb away from the lower reaches of the table.

# Sparkling Glas back on top of the pile

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

With a challenging score to defend, some excellent catches soon had Reynald 46-4 in reply at the halfway stage before the middle order launched a fightback.

However, some smart bowling from Matt Coulson (3-16) and Dave Edwards (3-48) restored order as the home side eventually dismissed their opponents for 160 to secure a 35-run winning margin.

Andy Hughes chipped in with two wickets, while there was one apiece from Gary Davies and Pete Bowyer.

Buoyed by the win, the Glas was looking to keep up the good work in Saturday's trip to Chelmarsh.

A few days before, Cae Glas reached the quarter-finals of the Shropshire Slam T20 competition with a convincing seven wicket triumph over Overton.

Fielding a squad of attacking batsmen and qual-

ity bowlers, the Glas restricted their opponents to 105-5 off 20 overs before chasing down the target with three overs to spare.

Overton started brightly but where kept in check by some economical bowling and tight fielding.

John Clarke (2-19) was the pick of the six bowlers, ably supported by Gaz Edgerton and Gary Davies (who both took 21) and Matt Coulson (1-16), while Liam Penrose and Nick Broadbent also made telling contributions.

With pressure to score, wickets started to tumble, with only Scot Lawrenson (36 not out) building a score of note as Overton posted a modest 105-5 off the allotted 20 overs.

In response, Cae Glas made a positive start with opening pair Andy Griffiths (22) and Ian Holgate (44) putting on 58 for the opening wicket.

That provided the solid base to take the team to victory in the 17th over with the loss of just three wickets. Gary Davies also chipped in with a quick-fire 21, while Rob Lawrenson was the pick of the Overton bowlers with 1-22.



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## FC Oswestry Town players back training

FC OSWESTRY Town were back in training this week with several new faces on show as they prepare for a second season in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one.

While nine members of last season squad have confirmed they will be staying, the club's new management team of Richard Williams-Cooke and Ryan Butcher have been busy bolstering their squad.

They have already brought in four new signings ahead of the first training session on Wednesday night, while they will also be running the rule over several others.

Town have moved to add height to the side with the arrival of former Chirk AAA defender Dan Hughes, who can play left back or centre half, and ex-St Martins central midfielder Sam Thomas.

Also joining is wide midfielder Jovi Rainsford, formerly of Yeovil Town Academy, who has moved to the area from Southampton.

Forward/midfielder Richard Harris, who has Welsh Premier experience with Newtown and Welshpool, has also joined after a lay-off through injury.

His early football years were spent at Manchester City and Shrewsbury Town, and the 32-year-old has also played for Guilsfield in the Cymru Alliance.

Town hope to have a squad of 20-22 players and have arranged a number of friendlies, starting with a home clash against Liver Academy on Saturday, July 1 (8pm).

That is followed by a home fixture against Middlewich Town the following Saturday (July 8), before visiting Chester Nomads on Saturday, July 15.

Other friendlies follow at home to Cymru Alliance newcomers Queens Park on Tuesday, July 18 (8pm), then a trip to Denbigh Town on Friday, July 21 (7.30).

Next up will be the visit of Llanidloes Town on Tuesday, July 25 (8pm), a trip to Porthmadog on Saturday, July 29 (2.30) before ending the pre-season at home to Llanfair United on Tuesday, August 1 (8pm).

## Morda looking to appoint new boss

MORDA United, who play in division one of the Montgomeryshire Amateur League, are on the lookout for a new manager.

Based in England, they have received clearance from the English and Welsh FAs to continue playing across the border for the next three years.

The shorter travelling distances and times required for the Montgomeryshire League were key factors in the club's wish to remain in this league.

The Weston Road club is now seeking an enthusiastic and forward looking manager or management team to take over for the forthcoming season, with the existing staff willing to provide support if required. Any person interested should contact club secretary Rob Drury on 07501 298654 for further details.

The club is also keen to expand its committee and team of helpers. Those interested in becoming involved in any administrative or practical tasks are also invited to contact Rob Drury.

## TNS are lining up against Vardy side

THE New Saints are stepping up their preparations for this month's Champions League opener with some friendly action starting this week.

Following the departure of manager Craig Harrison to Hartlepool, assistants Scott Ruscoe and Steve Evans have taken interim charge of the Welsh Premier champions.

The Saints had their first action on Tuesday with a home friendly against an Anglesey Games XI side before entertaining Welsh National League Premier side Brickfield Rangers next Tuesday, both games at Park Hall.

Sandwiched between these friendlies is a behind-closed-doors game against Jamie Vardy's

**FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater**

V9 Academy, to be played at Manchester City's training complex

The squad will then be heading north of the English border for another week-long camp prior to the commencement of the Champions League.

Confirmed opponents are Rangers and St Johnstone, while the previously announced match against Aberdeen has been cancelled due to the Dons' involvement elsewhere.

Meanwhile, former Saints boss Craig Harrison is closing in on fresh blood for his new club

Hartlepool as he looks to stamp his mark on the National League side.

After speaking to members of the current squad at Pools,

Harrison is hoping to bolster the squad in the next few days – with potentially three new signings.

The ex-TNS chief has been promised a major say on players coming to the North East club as he narrows down a list of targets.

He will want to bring in his own players, and has drawn up a hitlist based on his own experiences watching games when manager of the Saints.

# OSWESTRY EYE SUPER SEVEN

**CRICKET by John Bridgwater**

**RECORD-BREAKING Oswestry chase a seventh straight win in the Birmingham League division two when Coventry and North Warwickshire are the visitors on Saturday (midday),**

The Morda Road men have reeled off six wins out of six after overcoming Old Elizabethans to move 30 points clear at the top of the table in their best start to a league campaign.

They now have a maximum 124 points from those six outings - 65 more than this stage last season, while they are already in sight of last season's total tally of 214 points from 22 outings.

Warrick Fynn has been in prolific form this season, hitting a third century in last weekend's 31-run against Worcestershire club Old Elizabethans, while Pakistani paceman Sadaf Hussain took 5-71 to end the visitors' resistance.

It has been a dream start after last year's struggles, but the early leaders will need to keep up the same intensity if they are to continue their run against fifth placed Coventry and NW.

The key difference this term is that the Morda Road men have seized their opportunities to win games, something they were unable to do last term.

"We have won six out of six, but the three games at home have all been close, and these were the type of games we were losing last season," said chairman Mike Robinson.

"To win by 31 runs against Old Elizabethans sounds comfortable, but it was anything but, and with 15 overs go to they looked favourites to win.

"Warrick is in the form of his life, but a lot of other batsmen are also scoring runs. We're posting decent totals and the bowling looks dangerous, and at the moment the only worry is complacency."

Fynn has enjoyed a remarkable run of form, rattling up 579 runs at an average of 115.8 after cracking his third century of the season - and is well on course to reach 1,000 runs for the first time.

Opener Joe Carrasco returns after missing last week, and should be available to partner Fynn at the top of the order for the rest of the season

## Wales of delight for ace Caro



**Ellesmere College pupil Caro Hulme has starred for club and county on the hockey pitch**  
SHROPSHIRE hockey starlet Caro Hulme scored the goal which clinched the National League title for her club, Brooklands Hockey, before representing Wales in a three Test series.

Caro, a sixth-form student at Ellesmere College, struck a superb goal midway through the first half to put Brooklands 2-1 up against Beeston Hockey Club – and there was no further score as the Manchester side gained their 16th victory from 18 league games to clinch the National League (Conference North).

Caro, like her twin sister Lottie, made her National League debut last season at the age of 16. She has been ever-present this season for the first team, and has scored five goals for the Sale based club.

"To be playing week in, week out, at the top of the second tier of domestic hockey when only 18 and still at school, is very much to her credit," said her father, John.

Caro has had a busy month with the Wales Women's squad following impressive performances in last summer's under-18 European Championships and Futures Cup.

She was part of the senior side who travelled to Lille in France to play in a successful 3-match series against the French under 21 side, where she scored the winning goal to level the match series.

The Shropshire teenager then headed down to the Bisham Abbey Sports Centre for a three-day camp and practice matches against the England under-18s.

## Atherton's run ended by injury

WORLD champion Rachel Atherton's winning run in the UCI downhill Mountain Bike World Cup came to a heart-breaking end after missing out through injury.

Looking to reel off a record breaking 15th successive race win as the series moved to Fort William, Scotland, the Llanrhadrace had to pull out after dislocating her shoulder in a crash during a practice run on the day of the race.

The 29-year old, a former pupil at Oswestry's Marches School, was left "absolutely devastated" after her two-year winning run came to an end in unfortunate circumstances.

The world champion crashed in tough conditions in the boggy woods area during Sunday morning's practice run and was taken to hospital for a precautionary x-ray, which showed no broken bones.

"I'm absolutely devastated to dislocate my left shoulder in practice this morning," she said. "With the help of a guy on the side of the track we relocated it but I had to sit out the race.

"My shoulders are my weakest point after multiple dislocations over the last 15 years, and this sport is savage."

Australia's Tracey Hannah won the race 5:39.298m with Mannon Carpenter the fastest Briton when finishing fourth in 5:55.259. With the next round in the UCI downhill World Cup takes place in Leogang, Austria this weekend, Atherton faces a race against time to be fit.

Riding for Trek Factory Racing GT, she had reeled off a stunning 14 victories in a row when winning the opening round of the 2017 UCI Downhill Mountain Bike World Cup in France back in April.

Last weekend's setback ended a remarkable run for Atherton who became the first rider to complete an unbeaten year when winning all seven rounds of the UCI Downhill Mountain Bike World Cup last season, as well as claiming the world title for a fourth time.

## Powys rivals hope for better weather

POWYS rivals Welshpool and Montgomery will hope the sun shines on Saturday after last week's derby clash turned out to be a damp squib.

The two sides were coming face to face for the first time since their promotion to division one of the Henshalls Shropshire League division one.

But just 22 overs were possible, with Pool toiling on 51-4, before the players were forced off and the game abandoned. Monty finished with seven points and Pool five

On Saturday, Pool are away to Knockin & Kinnerley, while Montgomery face a tough test at home to early leaders Bomere Heath. Knockin themselves had a tense two wicket win against Forton, scraping over the line by two wickets after chasing a modest 95.

**ELLESMERE** bid to maintain their fine run of form in the second division when they visit Bishop's Castle

High flying **CAE GLAS**, who got their challenge back on track with a 35-run win over Acton Reynald, look to keep up the pressure when they head to Chelmarsh on Saturday.

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